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were there when
mechanization
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for industry's
heavy lifting*

PALLET POWER

Pallets are one of those items in the business of doing business that the eye sees, but the mind doesn't record. When you see one, it usually doesn't register.

When mechanization replaced muscle a half century ago to haul materials around on the factory floor, the inconspicuous, lowly pallet partnered with the forklift to get the job done quickly, quietly,

and efficiently.

From the manufacturing site to the truck, rail car or ship, then to a warehouse, from warehouse to the retail outlet, the pallet has been an indispensable part of the mix in American business to increase efficiency and reduce costs.

W.B. "Bill" Nelson Jr.'s family is one of the pioneers in the pallet business. They have been building pal-

lets for nearly 60 years, shortly after the pallet became one of the foundation blocks of U.S. manufacturing.

"You can go back to World War II, because that's when pallets were recognized as being a key part of the distribution system," Nelson says at his huge pallet manufacturing complex, Nelson & Sons, Inc. He runs it with his two sons, Tim and Todd, in Cheniere, along I-20, five miles west of Monroe.

"Prior to that time, everything we did, we did it by the strength of a back, the sweat off a brow, by hand. With WWII it became obvious that we couldn't support the type of needs we had for the war effort on that basis. So the pallet came about along with the forklift, they came together at the same time, with the forklift the means of picking up a pallet and moving it around."

There is virtually no segment in the transport of goods that the pallet isn't the first thing that hits the ground. Nelson takes groceries as an example. "The food chain comes to mind when you think about pallets moving everything from the port of a manufacturer to a food wholesale warehouse like Brookshire's over here in Monroe then that load of goods is trucked to one of their stores. Or in the case of places like Wal-Mart you buy things right off pallets nowadays.

"And there is Sam's. There is



almost nothing that is on display that isn't on a pallet either sitting on the floor or in a rack."

In West Monroe only a few miles from Nelson's business are major paper mill and plastic industries. Every one of the products coming into and leaving those plants has to be palletized.

And the chemical industry in Baton Rouge, he said, is a heavy user of pallets for shipping domesti-

cally and internationally.

Nelson, with a mechanical engineering degree from Louisiana Tech in 1957, came back home to work at his father's pallet business after working for Humble Oil (Exxon) for 10 years. "I came back and joined my father in 1966 because I was living out in Arizona and it looked like my next climb up the corporate ladder was Los Angeles. I'd lived there before and I didn't want to go back."

Industry's building block

Unknown 60 years ago, the pallet was a latecomer to the industrial revolution. But along with its coworker, the forklift, it has revolutionized the way America does business.

Visually, it's a simple item. A half-inch floor, separated by three-inch joists and a half inch ceiling. Between the floor and ceiling, along the joists, you slip in the tines of the forklift, pick it

up, along with whatever is sitting on it, and away you go. Nothing complicated about that.

But dig a little deeper and there is considerable innovation behind the simple pallet. It's a science that continues to evolve as demands change.

"The pallet is custom designed and custom built to meet the customer's needs. It's a very technical *See Building block, page 2*



The Nelsons pioneered the pallet building business in Louisiana. Current owner W. B. "Bill" Nelson Jr. (above) and his sons are carrying on the tradition from his parents, Bernard (top left) and Alma (top right), seen in the 1940s. Alma didn't actually drive a tractor but the picture is a cherished family memento. The forklift and pallet (right) combined for huge increases in industrial productivity in the U.S.

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product that most people have no earthly appreciation of," said W.B. "Bill" Nelson, president of Nelson & Sons, Inc., of Cheniere on I-20 west of Monroe.

"In 1966 we were making about 500 pallets a week with hammers and nails and air guns and the way we were cutting up lumber. With the automated machinery we have today, some of which I hold patents on, we are making 500 pallets every two hours," he said.

Nelson's pallets start with hardwood pallet cants from a Monroe hardwood mill which are four by six-inch lumber in eight to 16-foot lengths which are further reduced to specifications at his plant. He also buys pre-cut pallet stock out of Arkansas.

Pallet manufacturing involves selection from a wide assortment of woods, fasteners used to put the pallets together, preparation of the wood for differing domestic and international uses, restoration and recycling.

Nelson deals primarily in wooden pallets. But other manufacturers use both plastic and aluminum.

North Louisiana forests provide a ready supply of hardwood feedstock and is Nelson's preferred material. Oak is the species of choice but everything from soft cottonwood to hard hickory is available.

In fact pallets are the primary end use of hardwood. "Pallets still consume the majority of all hardwood lumber cut. Within the spectrum of the different species you go all the way from cottonwood, which is the least dense wood, that grows awfully fast along the Mississippi River, all the way to the hill hardwood, the most dense being hickory.

"So anywhere between hickory and cottonwood there are a lot of different species. Every pallet is designed to support a given

load so when you start staking your pallet out you have to take into consideration the different characteristics of the wood that meet your customer's expectations and specifications for the designed load."

At one time Nelson's only competition for the low-grade lumber used in pallets were manufacturers of rail ties and the interior frames for upholstered furniture. Now, however, "there are a lot of folks trying to get their hands into every ton of hardwood. The paper mills, one in Hodge, one in West Monroe and one in Bastrop. And then when the technology was developed to permit the mixing of hardwood chips and pine chips, another competitor was in the market," he said.

International shipping calls for an entirely separate set of specifications for pallets and the heavy shipping crates that Nelson also builds.

"There are some unique challenges we face in our pallets and specialized crates that are used to ship products all over the world," Nelson said.

"Most foreign countries are tightening up as far as insect exposure. They require more and more specialized items in the construction of pallets or crates that might be taking products into Europe or into Australia and other parts of the world," he said.

"Each country is different with varying specifications. Some countries require the lumber be heat treated to kill all possible

Mountains of 4- x 6-inch oak stock on the yard (right) wind up a mountain of pallets – 2,000 in an eight-hour day. Crates used in international shipping are another business of Nelson's (below right). Employees staple new pallets and recycle used ones (below left).

insects. Others require that not just the lumber has to be heat treated, but the pallet has to be assembled first and put in an oven and heated to a prescribed temperature.

"Some require kiln drying to a certain temperature. In the case of our pallets, we are seeing fumigation is now being required in some instances."

And in the food industry, Nelson said he uses a "dip diffusion method," using an approved EPA boride product for insect control on pallets that go into a plant where food is manufactured or stored. One customer is a rice manufacturer whose boxed rice products are stored on pallets treated with the boride product. Another product, "PQ-8," is used to protect hardwood pallets against fungi.

Successful economics in the pallet business not only include building them but also recycling them. A sizable part of Nelson's operation involves personnel disassembling pallets, taking parts and making new pallets from the good lumber off old pallets.

How a pallet initially is fastened together plays a role in how easy it can be broken apart and reassembled into new pallets.

"One of the issues with pallets is its ability to hold a nail. We use nails or staples or some form of rod material to fasten boards to assemble pallets. Because most of the high-tech assembly methods now are using screw tight nails, removing screw tight nails for recycling is an issue. The denser the wood the better the nails adhere. So oak or hickory is a better material from a nail withdrawal standpoint that is cottonwood or eucalyptus or some gum."

No detail is too small to leave to chance. One such item is a special chuck design for countersinking nails to ensure no product damage from protruding nail heads.

"Pallets being built nowadays are designed to be used more than once. Used to be we talked only of expendable pallets. You built it, you shipped it out and never worried about if it was coming back and it usually went to the dump," Nelson said.



Agriculture & Forestry Today with Commissioner Bob Odom

State officials are investigating the deaths of seven DeSoto Parish horses believed to have been killed by Eastern Equine Encephalitis, Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry Bob Odom said.

Two cases have already been confirmed by the Louisiana Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory in Baton Rouge, he said.

"Most of the horses that died were from the swampy areas in the northern part of DeSoto Parish near Stonewall, but one was from Calcasieu," Odom said. "This is a public health concern and we are asking all horse owners to make sure their animals have up to date vaccinations and to consult a veterinarian if their horses are displaying any symptoms.

"Eastern equine encephalitis, or sleeping sickness, as some call it, is a viral disease transmitted from infected birds by mosquitoes, like the West Nile Virus, but it is much

more virulent," Odom said. "It can be fatal if transmitted to humans."

Odom said he has been working closely with District 38 State Senator Sherri Smith Cheek to identify resources available to help control the swamp-dwelling Culiseta melanura mosquito, the insect carrier of the virus.

"We will offer any and all department resources we have to the residents of DeSoto and other parishes where EEE may become a problem," Odom said.

Odom said LDAF boll weevil eradication equipment has been fitted with special nozzles to apply pesticide to likely mosquito habitats.

Although EEE is a rare disease, a horse infected with the virus seldom recovers. Horses that do survive usually have severe brain damage, said State Veterinarian Maxwell Lea.

"Because of the seriousness of this

threat to our horse and human population, it is very important that horse owners who suspect their animals are ill with EEE consult a veterinarian to confirm the disease," Lea said. "Horse deaths are a sign of an increased spread of the virus in a community and we need to be able to absolutely determine if we are dealing with a major EEE problem."

Lea said horses that have not been vaccinated should have two doses administered three to four weeks apart. Once the initial vaccination has been given, an annual booster is sufficient to maintain immunity.

Lea said his office is awaiting test results to confirm further presence of the disease.

EEE causes damage to the central nervous system. When the horse is infected it generally runs a temperature six to seven degrees above the normal range of 100. Infected horses develop a sleepy appearance while walking in circles and appear

depressed and uncoordinated. Eventually they collapse to the ground.

Humans develop EEE symptoms within four to 10 days after the bite of an infected mosquito. In most humans, the symptoms can range from none to a mild flu-like illness with sore throat, headache and fever. For people who develop an infection of the central nervous system, a sudden fever and severe headache can be followed quickly by seizures and coma. About half of these patients die from the virus.

EEE was first isolated in 1933 in the United States and only 200 cases have been confirmed in the country since 1964.

Lea stressed that humans cannot develop the disease from contact with horses.

"Mosquitoes are the virus carrier between the infected birds and horses," Lea said.

Although removing any standing

water in flower pots, old tires and other vessels can be effective in controlling West Nile Virus-carrying mosquitoes, it does little to stop EEE carriers, said Odom. For protection, humans should wear long pants and long-sleeved shirts and apply insect repellent to exposed skin if they are going to be outdoors.

"For horses the best medicine is prevention," Odom said. "Sleeping sickness is a very preventable disease, but often horse owners wait until it is too late."

Odom said the LDAF is working closely with Gov. Kathleen Blanco's office and the Department of Health and Hospitals' Office of Public Health to coordinate state efforts for the protection of the public and animals.

"Naturally we have an enormous interest in the public health and welfare, but ultimately that responsibility lies with the Office of Public Health," Odom said.

CATTLE

No grade sires listed in the interest of better livestock. All dairy cattle 20 mos. of age, beef cattle 24 mos. of age, or pastured or post pastured animals of any age offered for sale, except for immediate slaughter, must have valid 30-day negative brucellosis test certificate. Contact La. Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry, P.O. Box 1951, Baton Rouge, La. 70821-1951.

REMINDER: Have all of your heifer calves between four and 12 months of age vaccinated against brucellosis. For information contact your local veterinarian, LDAF animal health personnel, your parish Cattlemen's Association or parish Farm Bureau.

(14) Brangus type heifers, bred to Angus bull, gentle & dog broke, \$100. John Briscoe, Elton; (337) 584-2751.

Reg. blk. Angus bulls, \$1000/1-up. Arthur Freeman, Columbia; (318) 649-5963.

(2) Reg. Brangus bulls, (2) Angus plus bulls, (3) reg. Angus bulls, 18-21 mos., forage tested, gentle, semen tested, \$1300-\$1900. Ronald Chiasson, Larose; (985) 693-7218.

Reg. polled pb Char. heifers, 7-9 mos., \$700/1-up; 13-15 mo. bulls, \$1100/1-up, excel. EPD's. Louis Quave, Bush; (985) 886-5557 or Peter Feringa, Covington; (985) 871-0317.

(100) Brangus heifers, exposed to reg. Angus bulls, from Express Ranch in OK, dewormed twice, very gentle, will come when you call them, \$800-\$950. Charles Kingrey, Kinder; (337) 738-3043 or (337) 504-2667.

Polled Simm. bulls, reds or blk., good EPD's for heifers, very gentle, all shots, wormed, 9 mos.-22 mos., \$600/1-up. Harold Landreneau, Eunice; (337) 457-0505.

Reg. Simbrah bull, 28 mos., 5x grand champ. in '03, \$2000. Chris Meche, Ville Platte; (337) 363-5041 or (337) 363-5202.

Pb polled Hereford bull, have

reg. papers on sire & dam, very gentle, born 3/15/03, \$800 will trade for same quality heifer. Harry Young, Denham Springs; (225) 665-2120 or (225) 665-5473.

Reg. pb Hereford cows, pasture exposed to reg. pb Hereford bull for 3 mos., all top bloodlines, \$1000/1-up. Ben Monic, Evangeline; (337) 824-1199.

Holstein nurse cows, \$1000/1; Holstein bull calves, \$150/1. Brent Duncan, Franklinton; (985) 839-9493.

Brangus bull, CBR Townsend Lucky, LBW, average growth, very gentle, excel. conform., 42 mos., \$1900. John Mailhes, Keithville; (318) 925-0898.

Reg. blk. Angus bulls, 8 mos., TC Stockman 365, \$950; 8 mo. son of R & R architect, \$900; 22 mo. grandson of B/R New Design 036, \$2000. Hugh Junca, Franklin; (337) 923-7223.

(80) Braford heifers, 3/4x1/4, exposed to 5/8x3/8 Braford bulls, brucellosis vacc., wormed, all shots, gentle, \$850/1. John Boudreaux, Abbeville; (337) 893-6743.

Reg. Braford bull, 2 1/2 yrs., champ. show bull, very gentle, \$2000. Jaimie Boudreaux, Cameron; (337) 598-4635.

Reg. Ayrshire, 8/10/02, w/A-I bull calf, \$1000; reg. Ayrshire, 9/22/98, reserve champ. at LSU, \$850; reg. Ayrshire, 12/29/02, \$800; reg. Ayrshire bull, 12/31/04, dam was champ. at LSU, \$700. Gray LaFleur, Opelousas; (337) 543-8158.

Reg. red Limousin bull, born 1-03, AI sire Cane Ridge Blockade, extremely gentle, great herd bull prospect, \$1500. Brent Deshautelle, Marksville; (318) 253-6495.

Reg. blk. Angus bulls, 8-9 mos., \$600/1. Clinton Breland, Angie; (985) 848-9213.

2 Yr. bulls, grass raised, (3) Char., (1) Brangus, (4) Angus, excel. EPD's, \$1200-\$1500/1. J. W. Wills, Elm Grove; (318) 747-0079.

Reg. Simm. & Simbrah cattle, heifers, bulls, prs., \$550/1-up. B. G. Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

3/16 x 13/16 red Brangus bull, AI son of Glacier Fire, 22 mos., \$1200. Glen Robinson, Jonesboro; (318) 259-8514.

Reg. Limousin bulls, 2 yrs., \$1100; cows, young bulls & heifers, \$600-\$1200. Dale Westmoreland, Franklinton; (985) 839-5713.

Large selection of Gelbvieh bulls, all ages, \$900/1-up. Homer Knost, Clinton; (225) 683-8044.

(8) Cross heifers, \$650/1-up; (1) cow & calf, \$900; Jersey cow, 3 yrs., bred to Angus bull, 8 mos., bred, \$900. James Sibley, Walker; (225) 686-2952.

Reg. 10 mo. Lim. bulls, a positive imprint in your program, excel. background & EPD's, \$900/1. Dextel Terrebonne, Gibson; (985) 209-0026.

Reg. Beefmaster bull, 6 yrs., calves & heifers to show, \$1200. Steve Anderson, Abita Springs; (985) 892-6761.

(16) Holstein heifers, bred w/reg. Jersey bull, will calve from Oct.-April, \$1550, you pick. Delos Thompson, Jr., Folsom; (985) 796-9872.

Reg. blk. Limousins, (2) embryo donor cows, bull calves at side, first time heifer, out WRC punch w/heifer at side, (2) bred heifers, \$7000/all. Danny Ayo, Maurice; (337) 893-0988.

Jersey nurse cow, 2 1/2 yrs., w/heifer, \$1000; 1/2 Holstein, 1/2 Jersey Heifer, 9 mos., \$500. Lloyd Reed, Deville; (318) 466-5855.

Reg. BBU Beefmaster bull, born 3/4/04, \$500. Betty d'Augereau, Kaplan; (337) 643-1724.

2004 blk. Simbrah bull calf, show quality, both parents, previous show winners, \$800. Kathy Reynaud, Marksville; (318) 253-4505 or (318) 305-0441.

(5) Bred F-1 Braford heifers, 20 mos., 900 lbs., \$6250; reg. 3/8 x 5/8 Braford show heifer, 16 mos., exposed 60 days, \$1200. Larry Duhon, Kaplan; (337) 652-6200.

Char. bulls, King Grazer bloodline, multi-trait leader, LBW, 10 mos.-2 yrs., polled & very gentle, \$1000-\$1800. G. Perron,

Opelousas; (337) 942-5272.

Reg. Char. bulls, \$1500/1-up. Ridley Chauvin, Raceland; (985) 537-6954 or (985) 804-2594.

Reg. BBU Beefmaster bulls, top bloodlines, ready for service, \$1200/1-up. Gaston Gerald, Greenwell Springs; (225) 654-8816.

Pb F1 tiger stripe yrlg. heifers, vacc., all shots up to date, \$700/1-up; (3) reg. Hereford bulls, 12 mos. & older, vacc., all shots up to date, \$700/1-up. Jason Guidry, Abbeville; (337) 898-2119.

Reg. 5/8 x 3/8 Braford bulls & heifers, champ. bloodlines, gain test leaders, weaned heifers, \$700/1-up; bred heifers, \$1100/1-up; 2 yr. bulls, \$1500/1-up. Fred Elsing, Alexandria; (318) 442-0741 or (318) 447-1145.

Reg. Brangus bull, 3 yrs., \$950; True F-I Brangus bull, 2 yrs., \$850, both semen tested. Rose Soileau, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4094.

5 Yr. wh. Brahman bull, very meaty type, \$1100. Mark Ledoux, Livingston; (225) 698-6232 or (225) 413-3660.

Reg. Brangus bull, 17 mos., out of ER Lineman & ER MS gunner, \$2500. Al Lanie, Youngsville; (337) 856-6504.

(5) Reg. Brangus bulls, 17-19 mos., \$2000-\$2500/1; New Era of Brinks sons, fertility tested, del. avail. Clyde Huval, Arnaudville; (337) 754-7338.

Beautiful ABBA reg. Brahman bull, son's show bull, gentle, ready for breeding, \$1000 or trade for Hereford Bull. Randy Nortman, DeQuincy; (337) 786-2751, (337) 274-2450 or theflyingn ranch@aol.com.

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(337) 363-0104.

(2) Brangus bulls, 2 & 3 yrs., (1) true F-1, semen tested, \$850 & \$950. Elvin Soileau, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4094.

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AQHA sorrel, 4 yr. broodmare, Little Peppy Badger & Peppy San Badger, w/5 mo. red roan stud colt, out of Bar Sand Peppy & Peppy San, all on paper, \$2500. Leroy Richard, Church Point; (337) 684-6420.

Reg. pb Arabians at stud, Egyptian/Spanish bloodlines, show quality, blk., 15.2 plus hands, excel. temperament, foals to show & for sale, \$500/1-up. Donavan Stoute, Opelousas; (337) 585-2642.

1995 AQHA Skipper W mare, gentle, laid back, ride anywhere, chestnut w/blaze, 15 hands, 900 lbs., \$1200. Gwen Adams or Betty Weeks, Goldonna; (318) 727-8422 or (318) 727-8520.

16 Mo. buckskin filly, ½ Belgian, ½ AQHA, \$1000; 16 mo. blk./wh. tob. filly, ½ Belgian, ½ APHA, \$1500; '98 reg. Belgian mare, 17.2 hands, 2100 lbs., work or ride, bred to APHA for '05, \$3500. Ben Baggett, Mittie; (337) 639-2086.

1999 reg. spotted Draft mare, 16.2 hands, 1600 lbs., rides on drives, w/blk. Percheron colt at side & bred back to same for '05, \$7500. B. Baggett, Mittie; (337) 639-2086.

Belgian stallion, 10 yrs. & mare, 9 yrs., \$2500/1. Richard Suter, Ethel; (225) 281-4590.

AQHA '89 mare, red roan, rides, produces nice babies, very gentle, Doc O'Lena on papers, \$1750. Ralph Nix, Mandeville; (985) 727-9758.

3 Yr. AQHA mare, sorrel, Impressive & Ima Cool Skip bloodline, rides well & good disp., \$2000. Ralph Marks, Marksville; (318) 253-6943.

4 Yr. AQHA mare, lineback dun, Peppy Son Badger bloodline, handles very well, good conform. & disp., \$3500. Charlotte Marks, Marksville; (318) 253-6943.

(2) Pal. wean. colts, by son of Peppy's Boy 895, current on vacc. including West Nile, \$800/1. John Morvant, Thibodaux; (985) 446-0708.

2002 AQHA buckskin, granddaughter of Peppy San Badger, started under saddle, \$1750; yrlg. bay colt, by money-earning son of Smart

Peppy Doc, \$1250. Romy Morvant, Thibodaux; (985) 446-0708.

Outstanding broodmares, Zan Parr Bar, Zan Parr Jack, in foal to pal. son of Peppy's Boy 895, \$2500. Ida Morvant, Thibodaux; (985) 446-0708.

3 Mo. gaited mule colt, will be 15-16 hands, halter broke & imprinted, w/reg. TW mare, Carbon bloodline, \$2500/both, firm. W. Gordon, Roseland; (985) 969-1470.

1996 Gray QH mare, 15 hands, kids & adults ride, used for trail & parade riding, good handle, well trained, \$1100 obo. P. Gentile, Port Allen; (225) 627-9562 or (225) 234-2322.

2004 AQHA cow bred colts, all colts well built & correct stud or performance prospects, good quality pedigrees, all halter broke & gentle, (1) buckskin, \$1500; chestnut, \$800; sorrel, \$800. Debra Gentile, Port Allen; (225) 627-9562 or (225) 234-2322.

2002 AQHA sorrel geld., 14 hands, Grandson of Peppy De Badger, dbl. bred Peppy San Badger, Doc Sug Model, Doc Bar, very gentle & quiet, 60 days riding, \$1500. D. Gentile, Port Allen; (225) 627-9562 or (225) 234-2322.

2003 AQHA sorrel filly, Illusive Copy & Sonny Dee Bar bred, would make awesome 4-H or show horse, \$2500. Taylor Christianson, Opelousas; (337) 826-4519 or (337) 207-3217.

2/N/1 Package, '88 AQHA sorrel mare, Bar Room Alley & Miss. Royal Puddin bloodline, this mare is bred to APHA stallion out of Tinky Sugar Bars & Three Bars, \$2800, foal can be reg. Kody Christianson, Opelousas; (337) 826-4519.

Lesson/school horse, QH, no papers, bay geld., 15 hands, trained English for 1 yr., jumps 2'3", quiet & easy keeper, would make a good lesson horse for beginners, intermediate riders, does some lateral work, \$1500. Hilary Stephenson; (225) 627-4348.

10 Yr. QH geld., w/tack, \$800; 7 yr. blk./wh. paint geld., w/tack, \$1500. Rusty Aucoin, Pierre Part; (985) 519-0388.

Reg. TW, (25) weans. & yrlgs., buckskin, pal., spotted, bay, sorrel & blk., hand raised, have excel. gaits & bloodlines, \$1000/1-up. Linda Spears, Dry Creek; (337) 328-7365.

1996 AQHA team roping mare, head or heel, Jr. high/high school rodeo, Jackpots, Rocket Wrangler & Poco King Pistol Breeder, good youth horse, \$3500. Chris Bourg, Lockport; (985) 693-3105.

10 Yr. QH geld., working cow horse, all around use, has done heading, 15 hands, 1150 lbs., very gentle, \$3500. Scott Miller, Marksville; (318) 240-7422.

QH chestnut pony mare, 52", 5 yrs., very gentle, goes Western or English, \$1000. Rebecca McLindon, Bush; (985) 892-2686.

AQHA '04 weans., Peptoboonsmal, Right This Minnick, Mr. San Peppy, Doc's Hickory, Jose Uno, Dash for Cash bloodlines, bred mares also, \$1500/1-up. J. Reed, Westlake; (337) 912-1742.

AQHA pal. mare, bred, \$1200; pal. stud dark w/wh. mane, \$1000; pal. paint mare, bred, \$1200; APHA red stud, 2 yrs., \$1000; APHA 3 color mare & stud, \$1200/1; APHA blk./wh. mare, bred, rides, \$1800; mini horses, \$500/1-up; donkeys, \$200-\$300. Shelia Wills, Jennings; (337) 824-5197 or (337) 789-0699.

Reg. QH filly, extra nice, performance bred, no impressive blood, but could halter, flashy & very gentle, straight, excel. hip & head, \$1250. Paul Durr, Amite; (985) 748-5556.

12 Yr. QH gray mare, excel. for kids or adults, 14.2 hands, \$1300. Ranson or Belinda Soileau, Mamou; (337) 468-3657.

4 Yr. bay geld., 14.2 hands, stout, Doc Bar breeding, excel. roping, team roping/penning prospect, sound, very good looking, nice handle, \$2000. Stephanie Leblanc, Walker; (225) 278-6488.

3 ½ Yr. APHA, (1) blue eye, used only on trails, out of 2x champ roping, horse, excel. trail horse, \$2000. Joe Coley, West Monroe; (318) 397-4534.

AQHA reg. 1 yr. stud, sire has Doc's Prescription, Handle Bar Doc, O'Lena on papers, dam is dbl. bred Jessie James on papers, \$2000. Susan Duet, Galliano; (985) 475-7124.

AQHA reg. 3 yr. geld., 30 days of riding by trainer, Little Solitario on papers, top side & dam dbl. bred Jessie James, \$2000. Joey Duet, Galliano; (985) 475-7124.

AQHA reg. 1 yr. stud, Peace & War, Son of a Dock, Doc Bar, top side on papers, dam Dry Shorty Cat, Dry Head & Dry Doc on papers, \$3000. David Duet, Galliano; (985) 475-7124.

Reg. QH mare, '91, w/4 mo. colt & rebred, Ima Cool Eyecatcher filly, in foal to own son of Smart Little Pistol, March colt, \$3000 or swap for heifers. Kenneth McCartney, Cut Off; (985) 632-2698.

14 Yr. AQHA bay geld. youth horse, 15 hands, gentle, easy keeper & awesome bloodline, barrels, poles, goat tying, breakaway & calf roping, must see & must sell, \$4000. Neil Foster, Bell City; (337) 598-2380 or (337) 302-1909.

8 Yr. reg. paint geld., 15.3 hands, 1200 lbs., very gentle, excel. pasture horse, started on heading, \$4500. Mark Smith, Ball; (318) 640-4357.

Small paint Jack 16 mo., \$250. Jack Pipes, Choudrant; (318) 768-2591.

6 Yr. AQHA Puddenhead mare, bred to AQHA Peppy San Badger, top & bottom, stud for '05 foal, both stud & mare are well built & beautiful, \$3000. Ray Simmons, Albany; (225) 567-7813.

AQHA stallion, 17 mos., sorrel colt halter broken, out of Skipa Spanish Lee, Skipa Star, Money Sandy, Skipstar Shoemaker, \$1700; APHA 6 mo. blk./wh. tobiano stallion colt, out of Black Pawnee Tempest, Black Oreo Tempest, Qton Lady Command, Right Hand Man, Qton Lady 2, \$2000. Wilson Truitt, DeRidder; (337) 462-5697.

TW 6 yr. chestnut geld., kids been riding, out of Reflection of Shade, Dream of April Delite,

Another Shades, \$1700. W. Truitt, DeRidder; (337) 462-5697.

Matched pr. of Percheron filly's 2 yrs., both ripe & work, \$1400/pr. Casey Fontenot, Washington; (337) 826-7066.

2003 Reg. APHC App. chestnut stallion, w/wh. blanket, show quality, great pedigree, good conform., pedigree includes Skip Reward, Prince Shannon, King David, Impressive bloodlines, \$2000. C. J. Champagne, New Iberia; (337) 364-1398.

2004 Reg. APHC App. chestnut stallion w/large wh. blanket, heavy muscle, great pedigree, great potential, pedigree includes King David, Obvious Contender, Prince Plaudit bloodlines, \$1500. Clay Champagne, New Iberia; (337) 364-1398.

Jerusalem Donkeys, Jack, \$125; Jenny, \$150. Albert Westall, Baton Rouge; (225) 293-9581.

7 Yr., blk./wh. geld. American Saddle horse, very fast gait, \$1200. Sylvia Hebert, Basile; (337) 432-6316.

AMHA miniature horses, colts, \$500/1-up; mares & fillies, \$1000/1-up. Michael or Brenda Hebert, Covington; (985) 893-7907.

Reg. 7 yr. sorrel geld., flaxen mane & tail, 14.2 hands, son of Generator Sun Drop, #1 sire of Plantation Walking horse, \$2500. Noland Hebert, Basile; (337) 432-6316.

APHA reg. blk. & wh. geld., 5 yrs., trained & gentle, beautiful markings, 15 hands, \$1500 firm. Cathie Savage, Arnaudville; (337) 662-6066.

Rare dunalino colt, green eyes, dominant color producer, well handled, sweet natured, pretty head, well bred, line bred Blackburn & Pretty Buck, out of reining champ. sire, \$1800 obo. Randy Baudoin, Denham Springs; (225) 665-2186.

AQHA '03 sorrel filly, daughter of Brooke Peponita, LCHA LTE \$22,000, out of a foundation bred mare, ties, leads, loads, walking wheel, etc., \$1500. Richard Perieux, St. Martinville; (337) 394-8807.

Cow bred wean. colts, grays, roans, bays & dun, Handcock King bred, \$500/1-up. Alan Dayton, Jena; (318) 992-6962.

Reg. TW, 16 mos., pal. filly, halter broke, leads & loads, \$1850. Rick Urban, Opelousas; (337) 942-8305.

Wanted: mares under 10 yrs., 15.3" or taller, under \$1000, in good shape, w/current EIA (Coggins) test. Natalie Montgomery, Pineville; (318) 473-8177.

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STALLION SERVICE

AQHA Palomino, Doc Bar, Peppy San, Puddenhead, Barpass Myers, King P-234, \$350/\$3 mare care. Earlin Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

2000 AQHA sorrel stallion, out of Hesa Crazy Magic, by Streakin LaJolla, by Streakin Six, very muscular & lots of speed, \$350/\$5 mare care, special consideration for proven mares. Gary Bertrand, Opelousas; (337) 207-3217.

APHA bay/wh. tobiano paint, out of 2x Reserve Grand Champion, Tinky Sugar Bars & AQHA hall of fame racing horse, Sugar Bars, \$300/\$5 mare care. Heather Bertrand, Opelousas; (337) 207-3217 or (337) 826-4519.

8 yr. grandson of Puddenhead, bay, star, great disp., \$400/\$4 mare care. Jeanette Bucklin Jackson, Jennings; www.quarter-horse.com or (337) 824-1642.

1998 Golden pal., 14.2 hands, wide muscular build, pro trained for cutting, Dry Doc, Doc Bar, Poco Lena, Poco Bueno, Leo & Wimpy bloodlines, \$300/\$3 mare care. Dean Gentile, Port Allen; (225) 627-9562 or (225) 234-2322.

Blk. & wh. Appaloosa Cooterville, Echohawk, Geronimo, Wapiti, Mansfield Comanche, Puddenhead, King P-234, \$200/\$3 mare care. Hermina Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

Straight Egyptians at stud, Norus son, IBN Moniet, Farazdac Tuhotmos, Imperial Imdal grandson, \$500 introductory offer, limited breeding. Jeff Dupre, Washington; (337) 585-2642.

Caspian stallion, pony sized, has horse dimensions & pony height, will produce pony size on large mares, \$300/\$5 mare care. Anna Baudoin, Denham Springs; baroquefarms@cox.net or (225) 665-2186.

Andalusian stallions, well bred, imported lines, bred for temperament, athleticism & bone, \$1500. Randy Baudoin, Denham Springs; baroquefarms@cox.net or (225) 665-2186.

SHEEP & GOATS

Adult female pygmy goats, \$75/1. Luke Dickerson, DeQuincy; (337) 786-3503 or (337) 794-0958.

Louisiana native sheep, 40 ewes & 2 rams, \$125/1 or \$4500/all, delivery available. Willie R. Core, Folsom; (985) 966-1647.

Boer goats, percentage & fb, red head & black head, '04 babies, \$75-\$100. Raphael Johnson, Basile; (337) 432-5073.

Young goat needs good home, very cute & lovable, \$20/obo. Madison O'Brien, Opelousas; (337) 826-0049.

Katahdin pb males & females, good bloodline, 8-10 mos., \$80-\$100/1. George Lanclos, Opelousas; (337) 948-9396.

100% Boer billies, sire is a S.A.

fb, \$300/1 w/ papers. Norris Deville, Plaquemine; (225) 659-7000.

(1) **male** katahdin sheep, about 150 lbs., ready for service, needs no sheering, \$80. J.L. Duplechin, Gonzales; (225) 644-5407.

(1) **Katahdin ram**, about 5 yrs., throws doubles, \$100. Bob Bowles, DeRidder; (337) 328-8702.

Fb IBGA reg. Boer buck, born 5/6/04, \$200. Robert Richard, Carencro; (337) 896-6264.

Reg. fb Boer does, (3) bred to full South African buck, \$300/1 or \$800/all; (2) full S.A., 100% Boer bucks, born 8/26/04, \$400/1, taking deposits (\$100). David Antee, Montgomery; (318) 646-2885.

Fb buck, 9 mos., Rambo & MZ Maalumu bloodlines, color correct, ready for breeding, \$575/1. Anthony Mumphy, Eunice; (337) 550-0826.

Exotic 4-horned sheep, \$750. Buddy Lucky, Bossier City; (318) 453-5685.

LIVESTOCK DOGS

Only trained farm stockdogs or offspring from trained stockdogs are eligible to be advertised. Include dog's breeding and special training or ability that qualifies it as a stockdog. A signed statement must accompany each notice indicating these facts before the ad can be published.

AKC Pembroke corgi pups, (4) males left, \$700/1. Marsha Elmore, Covington; (337) 942-2262 or (337) 660-4765.

(5) **Champ. English** Springer spaniel pups, male & female, born 8/8/04, almost all field champ. hunters in sire's pedigree, liver & wh., saddle back & some w/spots, mother is med. size, father is larger, \$350. Marvin Lafleur, Lake Charles; (337) 526-7303.

AKC Pembroke Welsh corgi pups, excel. bloodlines, both parents on premises, \$400-\$500/1. Mona Yarbrough, Church Point; (337) 668-4765.

NALC Catahoula pups, born 8/25/04, leopards, glass eyes, had all shots, \$150/1. B. Bergeron, Eunice; (337) 457-1909.

SWINE

Mini potbelly pigs, \$50. Shelia Wells, Jennings; (337) 824-5197 or (337) 789-0699.

DOMESTIC BIRDS & EQUIPMENT

Ringneck dove normals & wh., \$7.5-\$10/1; proven mated prs., \$20 & \$30/pr., will ship. Thomas Rowell, Crowley; (337) 783-5729.

6 Yr. female umbrella cockatoo, w/cage, very friendly, loves to cuddle, \$1000 firm. Terri DiMatteo, Patterson; (985) 397-2903 or (985) 395-3048.

Breeder male cockatiels, \$20/1; breeder prs. of normal diamond doves, \$30/pr.; parakeet & lovebird

nest boxes, new, \$4/1; cockatiel nest boxes, new, \$5/1; cages, made w/1"x1/2" welded wire. Aaron Fuselier, Mamou; (337) 457-5667.

Cockatiel breeders, \$20/1, assorted cages & nest boxes. E. Cenac, Houma; (985) 853-2328.

Digital electronic AICU brooder by Lyons, \$800 value, sell for \$400; Quaker breeders, proven, \$150/pr. C. E. Brister, Princeton; (318) 949-2909.

Scarlet macaws, blue & gold macaws, \$1600-\$2000/pr.; yellow nape, yellow-crown Amazons, \$800-\$1000/pr. Al Cormier, Rayne; (337) 873-2111.

Parakeets, \$8/1. Ray Barrilleaux, Jeanerette; (337) 241-4549.

Finches, gouldians, societies & zebras, many mutations, \$6/1-up, discounts on large quantity. Terry Perez, Cut Off; tbirds@mobiletel.com or (985) 665-3902.

Breeder prs., parrots, orange-wings, \$350/pr.; Mexican red-heads, \$550/pr. Ricky LoBell, Prairieville; (225) 715-9218.

Quail breeder cage, (40) compartments, 8' long, 80" high, feeders on side, waterers on other side, pull-out trays, metal, on rollers, \$500. Charles Garrett, Haynesville; (318) 624-0458.

Quaker parrots, blue, \$375; blue female, \$400; blue w/split blue pr., \$675; dark eyed cinn. blue female, \$600; male, \$1500; unsexed green breeders, \$75. C. Phillips, Logansport; www.cdaviary.com, cdaviary@msn.com or (318) 697-7241.

Breeder or blue crown conure, \$375; single Quaker breeder, \$65; excel. proven pr. of cockatiels, \$100; hf & breeder cockatiels, \$25/1-up; breeder cages, different sizes, w/or w/o nest boxes, \$50/1-up. Mary Vidrine, Eunice; (337) 457-1163.

Indian ringneck parakeet, (1) dark factor female, '04 hatch, \$1200. Anna Hudson, Abbeville; (337) 892-9819.

Cages, (1) rd. 28"x62", \$150; (1) sq. 24"x36"x48", \$250. Kerminth Cormier, Rayne; (337) 873-8451.

Cockatiels, hf & breeder age, grays, pieds, pearls, cinn., lutinos, albinos, wh. face & most combinations, all seamless banded, certificates included., \$30/1-up. Samantha Ivy, Morgan City; (985) 631-3498.

Yellow & gray cockatiel, w/heavy-duty cage & nesting box, \$50. Bernard Darbonne, Pollock; (318) 765-9415.

Hf RS eclectus babies, not weaned, \$500; hf large scarlet macaw baby, not weaned, \$850; (2) proven pr. Congo grays, (1) bonded pr. Congo grays, (1) bonded pr. Timenh grays, \$1250/pr. & up. Mike Dugas, Plattenville; (985) 369-2730.

Lovebirds, \$12/1-up; Quakers, \$50/1; (1) pr. Indian ringnecks, \$120/pr.; cockatiels, \$25/1-up; rosey burkes, \$40/1-up; green-cheek conures, \$100/1. Wade Hendricks, Convent; (225) 562-7719.

Peafowl, wh., pied & blk. shoulder, 2 & 3 yrs., \$75/1. Harves George, Flatwoods; (318) 793-4384.

Button quail, \$15/pr.; fancy colors, \$20/pr.; extra males, \$1.5/1, (6) bird minimum purchase; hatching eggs, \$15/25 or \$26/50, price includes shipping; Australian zebra doves, very melodious singing doves, \$80/pr. Garrie Landry, Franklin; (337) 828-5957 or (337) 578-2296.

Cockatiels, all kinds, approx. 25-30, \$20/1 if all taken. Sterling Bergeron, Houma; (985) 804-6050.

Jardines parrot, 7 wks., \$550; parent raised cockatiels, \$20/1-up. Donna Gardner, Greenwell Springs; (225) 262-7947.

Wanted: gray male zebra finch, will by large number of gray males, no other colors wanted. Garrie Landry, Franklin; (337) 828-5957.

Wanted: all unwanted birds, will give a good home, plenty of love & food, need the company, will pick up. Violet Hunt, Kentwood; (985) 229-6913.

POULTRY, FOWL & EGGS

2004 Hatched BB reds, wheaten & blk., old English game bantams, \$25/pr. Hugh Junca, Franklin; (337) 923-7223.

4 Mo. turkey poults, bourbon reds, blue slates, broad-breasted bronze & blk. Spanish, beautiful healthy poults, cage raised & kept wormed, \$12/1. Charles Methvien, Holden; (225) 567-3317 or (985) 507-7456.

(1) **Full grown** & (1) half grown young wh. crested Polish rooster, to a good home, not someone's pot, \$1/1. Garrie Landry, Franklin; (337) 828-5957.

Chickens, young wh. hens & roosters, ready to butcher, 8 lbs. avg., \$5/1. Littell Mouiller, Mamou; (337) 468-3140.

Mixed bantams, (10) pr. wh. guineas, babies, \$3/1-up; hens or roosters, \$10/1; silver-laced wyandottes, hens or roosters, \$8/1; eggs, \$1.25/doz. J. L. Duplechin, Gonzales; (225) 644-5407.

Flying mallards, full grown, \$5/1; turkeys, (2) male, (1) female, \$20/1; snow calls, \$25/pr. Sterling Bergeron, Houma; (985) 804-6050.

2'x2'x8' Brooder, w/thermostat for chicks & more, very nice, homemade, \$100. Dickie Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240 or (337) 250-0492.

English call ducks, wh., \$25/pr. Robert Brunet, Oakdale; (318) 335-3930.

Large laying hens, many diff. breeds, \$7/1. Casey Fontenot, Washington; (337) 826-7066.

Wh. muskovy, \$5-\$6/1; wh. Peking, \$5/1. B. Soileau, Mamou; (337) 468-5622.

Sportsman High Hatch incubator, model 1502, like new, \$400; chicken brooder, 3'x8', \$100. Abel Andrus, Basile; (337) 432-5071 or (337) 432-6304.

Flying mallards, \$7.5/1, depending on amount purchased;

pheasants, flight cond., ringneck & blue, \$10/1; bobwhites, \$3.5/1. Geraldine Janise, Church Point; (337) 684-6871.

Jumbo Pharaoh quails, live, \$2/1; dressed, \$28/doz.; pickled eggs, \$6/pt.; eggs, \$20/100. Shirley Franks, Lena; (318) 793-8018.

English call ducks, small type, won 1st place '02 Rapides Parish fair & 2nd place '03, \$10/1; wood ducks, \$35/pr. Dean Gunter, Lecompte; (318) 776-9235.

Barred rock, 3 mos., pullets & roosters, \$3.5/1; wh. rock, 3 mos., pullets & roosters, \$3.5/1. Franklin Lidberg, Baton Rouge; (225) 274-9697.

Chickens, large breed, 1 day & older, \$1.85-\$2.25/1. A. Boyd, Dubach; (318) 255-4699.

(1) **Incubator, auto** turn, w/chicken rack & quail rack, \$50. Kerminth Cormier, Rayne; (337) 873-8451.

Auto egg turner, Little Giant incubator, (2) different size egg cups, used 1x, \$50; breeder trio dark throat, red golden, 3 yrs., \$100; swinhoe pheasant, male, \$50. R. J. Seibert, Braithwaite, (504) 421-4044.

Wanted: small bantams, any color, (30) hens, (8) roosters, bantam miniature, any color. Norman Ordonaux, Lake Arthur; (337) 774-2641.

PIGEONS

Large breed pigeons, \$6/1. Ray Barrilleaux, Jeanerette; (337) 241-4549.

Wh. racing homers, \$15/1; wh. doves, \$20/1. Suzanne Blunt, Baton Rouge; (225) 766-4158.

Texas pioneer pigeons, all sizes, \$25/pr. Ronnie Hammon, Kentwood; (985) 229-8606 or (985) 229-8585.

Wanted: common pigeons, New Orleans/Baton Rouge. L. Boucher, Bush; (985) 893-0485.

RABBITS & EQUIPMENT

Mixed breed rabbits, 10-12 lbs., babies, \$5/1; doe & bucks, \$10/1-up. J. L. Duplechin, Gonzales; (225) 644-5407.

Large meat rabbits, NZ, Calif., checkered giant, giant Flemish, all crosses, \$10-\$20/1, also young breeder does. Ira Thibodeaux; Jackson; (225) 634-5588.

Calif., NZW & cross rabbits, all ages, \$5/1-up. Ernest or Jackie Albert, Milton; (337) 856-5726.

Calif., proven good breeders, (10) does, (3) bucks, 3 mos., (12) Dutch, great stock, some pedigrees, (8) excel. does, (2) bucks, young stock, (20) blk. & wh., \$400/all; w/new cages, water & auto feeder, \$600 nego. David Reid, Oakdale; (318) 335-1979.

Large breed rabbit crosses, NZ, Calif. & colored, live, \$5/1-up; dressed, \$6/1. Dale Falcon, Prairieville; (225) 673-4833.

Large rabbits, \$6/1-up. R. Barrilleaux, Jeanerette; (337) 241-4549.

DEER & EXOTICS

Whitetail deer, yrlds. & bucks, \$250-\$400/1. Mr./Mrs. Boudreaux, Abbeville; (337) 642-5251.

Llamas, (4) Females, (3) males, \$2100/all. Calvin Perrodin, Basile; (337) 432-6887.

Axis, fallow, blk. buck, seimitar oryx, huge whitetails, \$300/1-up. Jeff Swank, Delhi; (318) 878-4375.

Whitetail deer, (21) does, 2-6 yrs., \$500/1; (25) fawns, \$300/1; (22) bucks, 2-5 yrs., \$500-\$6000. Fred Atkinson, DeRidder; (337) 328-7134 or (337) 328-7119.

Whitetail babies, 6-8 wks., started bottle fed, eating well, eating feed also, \$150/1. Larry Odom, Pitkin; (318) 634-7111.

La. whitetail deer, bucks, does, fawns, sire 10" buck, \$300/1-up. Tommy Myers, Goldonna; (318) 727-9325.

RATITES

(4) **Pr. Ostrich**, great layers, selling in prs. only, \$1000/pr. Dee Kucera, Port Allen; (225) 627-5197.

AQUACULTURE & EQUIPMENT

10" relift pump, 120" irrigation pipe, \$3500. Sonny Mitchell, Eunice; (337) 457-0423 or (337) 658-1918.

Freezer, 3-door, for crawfish farmer, new compressor, \$1500. Paul Repzas, Ville Platte; (337) 468-3333.

FARM SERVICES

Farmers, ranchers, landowners, if you need old fences repaired or new fences built, call me, all types & styles of farm fences & corrals, free estimate, references provided, fast service, licensed for all of La. Ben Baggett, Mittie; (337) 639-2086.

Land clearing, dirt work, ponds, house pads, laser leveling, forestry construction. Jeff Nelson, Ashland; (318) 544-9090.

RURAL PROPERTIES

Must offer ten (10) or more adjoining acres of land located in Louisiana. Farmland ads MUST include accompaniments (house, barn, hay field, garden, and what the land is best suited for). Proof of ownership may be required. All ads MUST be accompanied by the following owner-signed statement: "This property is personally owned by me and is not offered for sale by a licensed real estate dealer, broker or salesman."

13.85 Acres 8 acres of fenced pasture, 30'x72' barn, 30'x40' guest house, 4 bedroom, 3 bath home, 2190 sq./ft., \$258,000. John LeDoux, Branch; (337) 788-2422.

26 Acres in Brusly, 3 Bedroom, 2 ½ bath home, fenced pasture, (80) pecan trees, RV bldg., workshop, barn & trac. shed, equip. avail., appt. only, \$350,000. Walter Dugas, Brusly; (225) 749-8986.

48.8 Acres in Rio, barns, trailers, fenced, good cow ground, \$230,000. Sal Mistretta, Ponchatoula; (504) 559-4390.

10.65 Acres in Folsom, 3 bedroom, 2 bath home, 2 yrs., 34'x36' barn, partially fenced, good for horses & cattle, \$250,000. Nolan Moran, Folsom; (985) 796-8369.

SEEDS, FLOWERS & ORNAMENTALS

China ball tree, dbl. Angel trumpet, stokes Astor hyacinth bean, Dutchman's pipe, passion flower, ornamental pepper, Job's tears, cassia, passion vine, loofa, loquat, \$1/pkg. w/SASE. E. L. Duplessis, 17641 Cline Dr., Maurepas, LA 70449; (225) 698-6307.

Creole garlic, platted strings, 24 clusters, \$8/1. Paul Troxclair, Plaquemine; (225) 545-3739.

Cast iron plants, at place, \$4/gal. Dan Montz, Thibodaux; (985) 446-1805.

Bi-color 4 o'clock, bi-color confederate rose, Birdseye pepper, yellow & purple bush datura, red fancy bush cherry, red & wh. cypress vine, sweet fennel, \$1.5/pkt. w/SASE. Morris Collura, 3237 Louisiana Ave., Lake Charles, LA 70601; (337) 478-7075.

Elephant garlic, cleaned, \$2.5/lb. Ervin Crawford, Hammond; (225) 294-3767.

Pine straw, machine baled premium quality mulch, clean, \$4/bale at barn. Bruce Wallis, New Orleans; (504) 483-7775.

Seeds, birdhouse & dipper gourd, cushaw green stripe, \$1.50/30 seeds. James A. Robin, 4017 Hwy 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188.

Wanted: tung oil tree seeds, or information where seedlings or small trees are avail. Annette Laycock, Houston, TX; (713) 433-5203.

Wanted: donate new or used nursery pots, any size to Connections for Life, a non-profit. Tiffany, (225) 379-3640.

Wanted: large Jack bean. E. L. Duplessis, Maurepas; (225) 698-6307.

TREES & FRUITING VINES

Strawberry plants, Camarosa-Chandler, 10¢/1; daylilies, mixed varieties, bare roots, 50¢. Ronald Diez, Gonzales; (225) 673-8379.

Blk. bamboo, \$5/shovel; other bamboo, \$10, you dig; (2) huge sago palms, \$35/1, you dig. Anna Hudson, Abbeville; (337) 892-9819.

Celeste & brown turkey fig, \$5/3-gal.; southern magnolia, \$12/3-gal.; dwarf pomegranate, \$9/3-gal.; Japanese plum, 3-gal., \$5; jelly (butia) palms, \$8-\$12/-

gal. James Stelly, Eunice; (337) 457-4528.

Fig trees, 2 yrs., \$9.50/2-gal.; 3 yrs., \$12.50/3-gal., at place, 10 varieties, SASE for list. Betty Robin, 4017 Hwy 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188.

Elliott, grafted pecan trees, 2 yrs., in large containers, 1"-1 ½" caliper, 6' tall, \$45/1. James Robin, 4017 Hwy 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188.

Chinese parasol, fast growing, large leaves, grows to 40', used for shade at Audubon zoo, fast growing, \$5/1 in gal. pots, at place. Laura Dovalina, Metairie; (504) 831-2833.

Bi-color dbl. confederate rose, \$6/1; lily of the Nile bulb, \$5/1; yellow & wh. peach old time Chandler strawberry, \$25/100, plus \$5 postage. Morris Collura, 3237 Louisiana Ave., Lake Charles, LA 70601; (337) 478-7075.

Wanted: heart shaped peanut called Rosary vine. Marsha Elmore, Covington; (337) 942-2262 or (337) 660-4765.

FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Elephant garlic, cleaned, \$2.5/lb. Ervin Crawford, Hammond; (225) 294-3767.

Shallots, cut & dried, (8) crawfish sacks, 6-10 lbs. each, \$50/all. Cyril Poche, Oak Ridge; (318) 728-2605.

HAY & GRAIN

4X5 Rd. bales, clean Bahia, in field, \$17/1; 4x5 rd. bales, mixed grass, in field, \$15/1; 4x5 rd. bales Bahia, in barn, \$25/1. D. Drost, Singer; (337) 786-4042.

Argentina Bahia, good for horses & cattle, 4x4 rd. bales, \$17/1 or \$16/1 for (100) bales; sq. bales, in field, \$3/1; in barn, \$3.5/1. R. Reed, Independence; (985) 878-2330.

Beautiful Alicia Bermuda sq. bales, \$6.25/1; Alfalfa, \$8.5, bales are 65-75 lbs. Michael or Brenda Hebert, Covington; (985) 893-7907.

Bahia or Rye grass, sq. bales, horse quality, no weeds, \$2.75/1. Lew Overton, Slaughter; (225) 654-0086.

2004 Bahia hay, full, tight, rd. 5x5 bales of clean, located in Ruby, between Pineville & Marksville, will load, \$12/1. Lynn Knight, Pineville; (318) 449-9890.

(65) 4x4 rd. bales of Alicia Bermuda hay, no rain, \$20/1. Larry Duhon, Kaplan; (337) 652-6200.

Alicia Bermuda hay, sq. bales, you load, \$4/1. Rod McKinney, Port Allen; (225) 627-5197.

Bahia hay, 6x5 rd. bales, in field, \$20/1; in barn, \$25/1. Mike Patanella, Independence; (985) 878-9765 or (985) 687-5030.

Bahia 5x5 rd. bales, \$15/1. Randy Lefort, Greensburg; (985) 637-4430.

2004 Shelled corn, \$4/50 lb. sack. George Lanclos, Opelousas; (337) 945-1436 or (337) 945-1435.

Fert. Bahia, Alicia, 4x5 bales, cond., cut & cured, '04, \$20/1; '03,

\$16/1. C.M. Duplechian, Jennings; (337) 824-2989.

4x4 Rd. bales, very clean, \$12.5/1-up; fert. Bahia sq. bales, \$3.5/1. Faron Salario, LeBlanc; (337) 738-2355 or (337) 513-9434.

Bahia 4x5 rd. bales, in barn, horse quality, clean, no rain, \$30; cow hay outside, \$20. Homer Dutsch, Bush; (985) 892-4041.

2004 Bahia 4x5 rd. bales, good quality, \$14/1. Gary Guy, Zachary; (225) 654-6491.

Bahia 5x5 bales, well fert., no rain, \$25/1. Loyton Courville, Sunset; (337) 662-3758.

2004 Jiggs Bermuda, limed & fert., in barn, \$3.75/1, discounts for (50) or more bales. Keith Cahanin, Mire; (337) 873-6607 or (337) 257-2469.

Rice hay, 5x5 ½ rd. bales, \$17/1, will load; Bermuda hay, fert. & cured w/o rain, 5x5 1/2 rd. bales, \$20/1; '03 mixed grass hay, 5x6 bales, \$15/1, will load. James Leger, Eunice; (337) 207-5895.

Horse hay, short cut, weed free, Argentina Bahia, sq. bales, \$3.25/1; Bahia sq. bales, in barn, \$2.75/1; behind baler, \$2-\$2.75/1, you load; rd. bales in barn, \$25/1. Nelson Doolittle, Loranger; (985) 878-6111.

2004 Quality Jiggs Bermuda, in field, \$3/1, in barn; \$3.5-\$4/bale; \$4-\$4.5, delivered but not unloaded. Don Bernard, Broussard; (337) 989-9675.

2004 Bahia & Jiggs Bermuda 4x6 rd. bales, Bahia, \$20/1; Jiggs, \$30/1, will deliver \$5/1. Donald Crawford, Broussard; (337) 989-9675.

High quality Bermuda race horse hay, sq. bales, \$3-\$4/1; rd. bales, \$20-\$40/1, Milton area. Joe Duhon, Lafayette; (337) 230-7273 or (337) 856-4266.

2003 Bahia sq. bales, \$1.5/1 cash only. Richard Perieux, St. Martinville; (337) 394-8807.

Argentina Bahia 4x5 rd. bales, limed, fert. & weed free, w/o rain, in barn, \$30/1; other 4x5 Bahia, in barn, \$25/1; (26) bales rained on, outside, \$250/all. Lee Cook, Husser; (985) 748-7043.

2003 Alicia Bahia 4x5 rd. bales, in barn, \$30/1; cattle mixed grass, \$15/1. Brandy Cella, Bush; (985) 892-0240.

2004 Bahia grass, 5x6 rd. bales, under plastic, \$30/1. Mike Casanova, Amite; (985) 748-5812.

6x4 Rd. bales, fert. Bahia hay, \$20/1. Quentin Stears, Washington; (337) 826-3807.

TRACTORS & EQUIPMENT

5900 Ford trac., runs well, \$9000. James Sibley, Walker; (225) 686-2952.

Hesston 5540 rd. baler, w/parts & owners manual, 4x6 bales, \$2500. Harry Trichel, Campiti; (318) 476-2653.

10' Pasture clipper, \$1200; 7' pasture w/3 pt. hook-up, \$900, both in good cond. Minneapolis Moline G-1000, runs well, \$4500. F. Rick, Kentwood; (985) 229-2279.

188 D block for 580 CK backhoe, needs work, \$400; head for 188 D block, \$300; crankshaft for same block, needs turning, \$1500. Freddie Rick, Kentwood; (985) 229-2279.

65-Gal. utility sprayer, 3 pt. hitch, w/pump, \$475. Gerd Oppenheim, Norwood; (225) 629-5937 or (504) 866-6551.

1990 6610 Ford trac., low hrs., excel. cond., w/Alamo hyd. boom mower, \$13,000. Mark Ledoux, Livingston; (225) 413-3660.

Drum hay cutter, \$2500; Claas rd. baler, \$4000; IH 364 trac., \$2500; Case 1394 trac., \$3000 obo. Gordon Schexnayder, Donaldsonville; (225) 473-9844 or (225) 445-4131.

JD 6620, 18' platform, good cond., 1 owner, cut '04 rice crop, \$3500. Ted Savant, Kinder; (337) 738-5818.

2004 Mahindra, 35 hp, w/bush hog, tandem disc harrow, box blade, spike tooth harrow & shredder, all '04 equip., \$12,000 or sell separately. Jim Tarter, Independence; (985) 878-6078.

678 NH baler, 5x5 bales, like new, \$15,000. Loyton Courville, Sunset; (337) 662-3758.

706 Int. trac., 95 hp, \$4000; MF trac., 45 hp, diesel, \$2800; 7' bush hog, \$300; 16' disc, \$500; front trac. weights, \$250; harrows, \$175; 8' blade, \$275; (3) 7.5-20 tires & (1) rim, \$75/all; land leveler, \$1000. Shelia Wills, Jennings; (337) 824-5197 or (337) 789-0699.

JD 6600 diesel combine, \$2500; Eddins grain cart, \$350; Barrentine grain cart, \$400; JD 9920 cotton picker, \$2000; JD 7-row busters, long shank, \$1000; IH 7-row busters, \$600. Roy Boone, Lecompte; (318) 776-5227.

Moline trac. & bush hog trac., needs rings, \$1000/both. A. R. Bordelon, Ville Platte; (337) 351-1129.

Red cub trac., runs good, new tires, (3) manuals, disc, bush hog, spare parts, \$2200/all. Johnny Howe, Shreveport; (318) 929-7883.

Int. 480 disc., \$2200. Chris Brouillette, Marksville; (318) 253-7067.

4800 Kabota trac., '04, 39 hrs., rear hyd., 49 hp, new trac., warranty, \$12,900. Sonny Robinson, Pineville; (318) 443-3812.

Ford 660, good cond., excel. tires, paint, gas engine, \$3250. James Brown, Opelousas; (337) 363-1824.

5' Finishing mower, only used 3x's, 3 pt. hookup, \$950 obo. Wilson Truitt, DeRidder; (337) 462-5697.

(2) JD model B trac., w/plow tools & Case corn picker, needs restoring, \$2000; 1955 Int. TD 20 dozer, w/winch, bad motor, \$1500. W. H. Patterson, Anacoco; (337) 397-0018.

Int. 37 sq. hay baler, field ready, \$2000. Greg Mayeux, Morganza; (225) 694-3708 or (225) 425-0494.

(2) Sets of tires & wheels for 154/185 low-boy Cub, (1) set Farmall Cub, \$125/set; tires fair, wheels good, other parts avail. Don Wright, Oakdale; (318) 335-3840 or (318) 335-0869.

DR all-terrain mower, 14 hp Kawasaki, bush hog & 46" finish mower decks, like new, \$1600. Nico

Eymard, Galliano; (985) 637-5766.

IH sq. baler, good cond., \$525. Chad Smith, Port Allen; (225) 383-6590.

(2) JD grain drills, (1) model 520 lift type, w/dbl. disc openers, row markers & press wheels, (1) model 8300 pull-type w/dbl. disc openers & wide press wheels, both in good cond., \$1000/1. Trent Clark, Moreauville; (318) 997-2281 or (318) 997-2201.

Bionic type grader blades, new, 5', \$630; 6' \$699; 7' \$819; commercial 7', \$1290. Mike Passman, Amite; (985) 748-5094.

JD 3130, cab & 4 wd, remote hyd., runs good, good tires, must see to appreciate, lots of extras, \$14,000. Willard White, Starks; (337) 743-6297.

Troy Bilt, 8 hp, rear tine tiller, good cond., \$1100. James Burleigh, Opelousas; (337) 942-9343.

Pecan harvester, Lockwood model 480, \$3750; Bowie pecan cleaner, \$2500. Roger Wilson, Coushatta; (318) 932-8912.

W & A 8-row hipper, w/Orthman row markers, \$2600; Taylorway 8-row cult., w/fenders, \$1500; Bridger planter, 8-row w/row markers, \$1200. Bobby Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

2001 JD heavy-duty, 12' disc, model 637, w/adjustable hyd. leveling motor, \$6250. Cordell Darte, Abbeville; (337) 893-7593 or (337) 898-1616.

Tree planting machines, for pine seedlings, \$1500-\$2500. Glen Stephens, Woodworth; (318) 448-1594.

JD '69 4020, new rear tires, ROPs, new paint, w/bush hog, front loader & buckets, excel. cond., \$12,000; JD 5310 c/a, w/front loader, 1050 hrs., excel. cond., \$21,000. Charles LaHaye, Ville Platte; (337) 523-3717.

10' Sidewinder, shredder/finishing mower, 3 pt. hookup, in good cond., \$1500. Charles Leger, Port Barre; (337) 585-7393 or (337) 945-8714.

Ford 8700 diesel trac., cab but no a/c, new Bostrom air seat, good cond., \$9700. Johnny Barbara, St. Rose; (504) 464-9396.

(4) Turf tires, (2) back tires 13.6-16, (2) 29x12-15 on universal rims for front, \$400/all or trade. Alice Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240.

Rd. bale dolly, picks up & hauls (1) rd. bale, works w/come-a-long, picks up any size bale, bumper hitch, \$200 obo; JD 3020, very good cond., (2) new rice & cane rear tires, recent clutch & fuel injector pump, rebuilt w/ditching blade & cyl., \$6500. Chris Douget, Ville Platte; (337) 363-6763.

YM 2210 Yanmar trac., like new, 30 hrs., w/tools, \$4250. Dickie Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240 or (337) 250-0492.

Like new FX 20 Yanmar trac., w/new front-end loader, power shift, 3 cyl., 27 hp, \$8000 nego. Dustin Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240 or (337) 250-0492.

Steel loader, scattrack, 1750-D, 400 hrs., 80 hp, 6' tooth bucket, \$16,250. Joe Sweat, Pitkin; (318) 358-5205 or (318) 452-1949.

New reversible dirt scoop, 30", \$225 or trade for 4' utility 3 pt. rake that swivels. Arron Sherman,

Crowley; (337) 788-0240 or (337) 250-0492.

6000 JD sprayer, towbar, cushion front wheel, 60' boom, \$10,000. W. G. Vanderlick, Alexandria; (318) 443-3171.

(2) 16.9x30 rear trac., tires, R-1 grip, 50% rubber, \$300. N. Vicknair, Thibodaux; (985) 447-2997.

806 Farmall Int., in good cond., w/canopy, good tires & good seat, \$5500. Floyd Rachal Sr., Natchez; (318) 379-0290.

Int. trac., w/Ford back-hoe, runs good, \$3000. H. J. Trahan, Jennings; (337) 824-1771.

1950 VA Case 28 hp, 3 hp PTO, good cond., \$2000 obo; (2) 18 4x16 front trac. tires, \$50/1; (2) 23.1x26 rear trac. tires, good tread, B.F. Goodrich, \$100/1. Edison Abshire, Kaplan; (337) 643-8408.

1970 Ford 2000 gas trac., new tires, excel. cond., \$3850; light plant on enclosed trailer, powered by Kubota diesel, used on const. jobs, good cond., \$1650 cash. Stanley Hayes, Grand Cane; (318) 858-6359.

Super swamper tires on 12" rims, (2) 25x9.5 & (2) 26x12, like new, for 4 wd, 4 wheeler, \$250/all. J. W. Willis, Elm Grove; (318) 747-0079.

HD11E Allis Chalmers dozer, 12' blade, w/root rake, runs well, 95" undercarriage, \$17,500. Bruce Carter, Ruston; (318) 255-3890.

JD 5' bush hog, good deck & gearbox, w/slip clutch, no blades, \$150. J. E. Manuel, Eunice; (337) 457-5917.

1992 JD 2955 w/cab & a/c, 4140 hrs., excel. cond., \$18,300. Larry LeJeune, Iota; (337) 779-3304.

IH 4586 trac., for salvage, \$800; IH 5488 c/a, new engine & new tires, \$13,000. James Stacy, Natchitoches; (318) 352-3692.

10' Pasture aerator, used very little, \$5500 obo. D. Drost, Singer; (337) 786-4042.

Case Int. 8440 rd. hay baler, \$2500; 9' Int. side del. hay rake, \$350. John Ritchie, St. Francisville; (225) 635-4704 or (225) 635-2207.

NH 275 sq. hay baler, \$600; Vicon 3 pt. hitch hay rake, \$250; New Idea corn picker, \$750; farm wagon, \$500. Jerry Tanner, St. Francisville; (225) 635-2207 or (225) 635-4704.

JD 5205 trac., 48 hp, 16.9-28 tires, 1 hyd. remote, 80 hrs., still has warranty, kept in shop, \$14,000. Paul Meadows, Batchelor; (225) 492-2262.

Fuel tank, 250-gal., on skids, good cond., \$125. Otis Alford, Kentwood; (985) 229-8298.

JD 272 finish mower, for parts, deck rusted out, \$100; Ford trac., front wheels & weights for lat 8N or Jubilee & 600 series, 600x18 rims, w/400 lb. weight, \$150; Sherman brothers auxiliary trans., hi/low for 2N, 8N or Jubilee, \$800. Ronnie Burr, Vidalia; (318) 336-5858.

Belarus 800 trac., 81 hp, new rear tires, 2 remote hyd., p/s, only 535 hrs., very good cond., ready to work, \$5000. Anthony Santangelo, Tickfaw; asantangelo@charter.net, (985) 542-6080 or (985) 351-3928.

2004 L3400 Kubota 4x4 diesel, 34 hp, 28 hrs., 5' SQ600 bush hog, \$11,500/both. Lee Price, Alexandria; (318) 448-4178.

6' Front push blade, fits JD 50-85 hp, \$800. Joe Casida, Natchitoches; (318) 792-6999.

3'x7' Drag harrow, 4" teeth on bottom, built on 3 pt. hitch, 2 3/8" pipe frame, good for arenas, round pens & dirt work, \$250. Larry Duhon, Kaplan; (337) 652-6200.

14' Bush hog in great shape, \$2500. Darnell Fontenot, Erath; (337) 519-8230.

NH rd. baler, model 851, in good cond., \$1800. Karl Artigue, Krotz Springs; (337) 566-9940.

JD 4630 trac., \$6500; JD cotton picker, 4-row, \$18,500; JD 699 cotton picker, \$800; JD 6600 combine/corn bean, \$4500; JD 230 disc, \$1500; JD 6-row 42' row rotary, cult. & busters, \$800/1; JD 6-row 42' row WF disc, \$1350; low lift 17' pump, \$1500; low lift 12' pump, \$1000. Doug Cox, Baton Rouge; (225) 251-9809.

Reynolds Land plane, \$900; W & A 6-row 42' row crop maker, \$800; Lilli 6-row 42' row cult., \$800; Taylor 15' shredder, \$4500; Husky 24' alum., module building, \$400; 250 bushel grain cart, \$800; Bat bush hog, \$3000. D. Cox, Baton Rouge; (225) 251-9809.

14-Yard dirt pan, \$10,500; NH 519 manure spreader, \$2950; good JD bush hog, 30 hp, diesel, \$6750; good JD backhoe, older, \$7500 cash. Buddy Lucky, Bossier City; (318) 453-7688.

BW-13 JD disc, \$700; NH 275 sq. baler, \$2700; NH 1044 120-bale wagon, \$4250; JD 260, 8' disc mower, \$2500; JD 110 12' disc, w/cyl., \$800; IH 384 diesel, p/s, \$3100; IH 284 diesel ROPS, 700 hrs., \$4000. R. Coldiron, Jonesville; (318) 339-7876.

385 IH diesel ROPS, \$2695; Ford 1700 diesel wide front, \$2400; IH 474 diesel, p/s, \$3200; IH 1466 2 pt. canopy, diesel, \$3495; IH 1086; c/a dual PTO, \$6500; MF 200B diesel crawler, \$6000; Ford 4630 diesel, 2 pt., p/s, \$6200. J. Coldiron, Jonesville; (318) 339-7876.

21' Field cult., \$1200; sprinkler pipe, 2", 30' long, 90¢/ft. Mike Patanella, Independence; (985) 687-5030.

Wanted: 5' or 6' sickle bar mower, in good or reasonable shape, for good price. Rogers DeHart, Jr., Gibson; (985) 575-3410.

Wanted: cab for 1086 Int. trac. Donald Zeringue, Raceland; (985) 537-3905.

Wanted: 12 volt or 110 volt diesel fuel transfer pump to put fuel in trac. Dickie Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240 or (337) 250-0492.

Wanted: hood for 8N Ford trac., must be in good shape. Ricky Dickens, Pineville; (318) 466-9079.

Wanted: Gravelly trac., w/implements, in good running cond. & walk-behind mower, 42" cut or larger. Terry Truxillo, Franklinton; (985) 839-5302.

Wanted: old steel wheeled farm implements & trac. Glen Stephens, Woodworth; (318) 448-1594.

Wanted: (2) 18-4-34 tires, fair cond., reasonable price. Johnny Byone, Cloutierville; (318) 379-0005.

Wanted: disc mower, conditioned, tire, any make, good

cond.; 50-60 hp trac., w/loader & shuttle, shift, good cond.; backhoe, 3 pt. hookup; corn grinder, any type. J. W. Willis, Elm Grove; (318) 747-0079.

Wanted: 450 Case dozers, any shape, whole or in parts. P. R. Krantz, Krotz Springs; (337) 566-3511.

Wanted: sickle mower, w/3 pt. hitch for small trac., must be in working cond., 6' or 7'. Lee Darbonne, Opelousas; (337) 826-7633 or (337) 945-3928.

Wanted: unusable skidder, rims 28" or 30", using to make fire ring. Patrick Trahan, Sulphur; (337) 583-2327.

Wanted: off set disc, 7' or 10', must be in good shape. S. W. Gourdon, Goldonna; (318) 357-0616 or (318) 471-4204.

FARM TRUCKS & RELATED PARTS

1991 Pete, 430 hp, 9 spd., alum. 24.5 63" sleeper-cane haul, special, \$8500; '97 Merritt alum. hopper, excel. cond., tri-axle, \$18,000. Ray Gremillion, Zachary; (225) 654-0616 or (225) 939-5711.

Ford F-350 '80 flatbed truck, \$350. Doug Cox, Baton Rouge; (225) 251-9809.

1993 Chevy Silverado sport side, power windows & locks, V6, 5 spd., excel. gas mileage, \$4300. Gary Bertrand, Opelousas; (337) 826-4519 or (337) 207-0344.

1996 Dodge Ram, extended cab, V8, gooseneck hitch, towing package, AM/FM, CD player, \$6000. Heather Gill, Opelousas; (337) 207-3217.

1992 Dodge 350 diesel, 5 spd., a/c, power windows, power locks, ext. cab, flatbed, \$5000. Rick Hardee, Lake Charles; (337) 249-9500.

Blk. & silver rodeo camper, 2 beds, a/c & heat shower, sink, Capri Camper, good cond., \$1500. Stewart LeBlanc, Kentwood; (985) 229-6170.

(4) 2003 Chevy Silverado truck tires & rims, w/6-holes, Goodyear P245/75R16 tires, in good shape, \$500. Dickie Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240 or (337) 250-0492.

1991 Dodge Ram 250, 4 wd, auto, a/c, p/s, power brakes, special heavy duty trailer hitch, AM/FM stereo, new tires, looks good, runs like new, \$4500. Bernard Darbonne, Pollock; (318) 765-9415.

1993 Ford XLT dually, Banks turbo diesel, original owner, push bars, headache rack, 1 1/2" pipe toolbox & drag up tank 7" wrap around rear bumper, lots of extras, well maintained, \$8000. J. M. Johnson, Mandeville; (985) 626-4938.

4 1/2 Yard dump bed, excel. cond., elec. over hyd. Tommy life-gate, \$2500. Mitch Martin, Sulphur; (337) 625-8265.

1978 Ford F-600, 6-yard dump truck, newly rebuilt, real good shape, \$2800; welding machine on trailer, \$600. Dammy Newman; (985) 730-6622.

1984 Dodge 250, w/new 318 engine, good body, good work truck. Buvens Deshautelle,

Marksville; (318) 253-9534.

2002 Sierra GMC, V8, auto, towing, extra leaf in spring, 255 x 70-16 tires, 53,000 miles, bed liner & rails, \$11,900. Martin Bailey, Ville Platte; (337) 599-2865.

1995 Ford F-350 XLT power stroke diesel, 4 door, crew cab, wh., 5 spd., single rear wheels, new tires, 130,000 miles, excel. shape, \$13,500. Joe Casida, Natchitoches; (318) 792-6999.

Wanted: '50-'53 GMC 1/2-ton truck, (5) windows. S. Poole, DeRidder; (337) 462-0946.

TRAILERS, WAGONS & EQUIPMENT

7'x14' Camper trailer, self-contained, new tires, new a/c, \$1200. Elvin Soileau, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4094.

7' Barbeque pit on trailer, w/(2) doors, & (4) slide out trays, \$1500; 4' pit, w/(1) door, & slide out tray, \$450. F. Rick, Kentwood; (985) 229-2279.

3 Pt. hitch, 65-gal. utility sprayer w/pump, \$475. Gerd Oppenheim, Norwood; (225) 629-5937 or (504) 866-6551.

4 Horse/cattle trailer, gooseneck, all redone, excel. cond., \$3500. Archie Thibodeaux, Lafayette; (337) 984-3986.

Rancher's Pride portable livestock feeder, dual axle, 8000 lb. feed capacity, portable, 1200 lb. stationary, like new, kept under shed, in excel. cond., \$1500. Chip Peroyea, Zachary; (225) 654-2502.

Covered 2-horse trailer, excel. cond., new floor, gray, pulls great, dual axles, lights, everything works, storage compartment, great deal, \$1500. David Reid, Oakdale; (318) 355-1979.

40' Mini float inverted 5th wheel, many extras, \$5000. A. R. Bordelon, Ville Platte; (337) 351-1129.

48' Fontaine flatbed trailer, ready to use, \$3500. Bradley Guidry, Gueydan; (337) 536-9820.

Donahue trailer, \$2600. Chris Brouillette, Marksville; (318) 253-7067.

Yamaha 4-wheel golf cart, w/charger, good cond., \$550. Ronnie Burr, Vidalia; (318) 336-5858.

Close as new as you can get, 21' Donahue trailer, new floor, paint, tires, rims, bearing, jack, \$2600. Chuck Hathorn, Alexandria; (318) 443-9795.

2000 CM 3-horse, gooseneck, w/living quarters, \$13,000. Rusty Aucoin, Pierre Part; (985) 519-0388.

Large (2) bench wagon for pony or small horse, red & blk., w/hard rubber tires, \$1200; small blk. silver pony halter & lead, \$60; Western saddle w/wh. lacing, \$250; large Oster clippers, w/blades, \$150; nylon Western saddle, \$175. Rebecca McLindon, Bush; (985) 892-2686.

21' Donahue equip. trailer, rebuilt to new cond., \$2250; Amco 540 PTO ditcher, excel. shape, \$500. Chuck Hathorn, Alexandria; (318) 443-9795.

45' Storage trailers, good tires

& landing gear, all cond., will del., \$700-\$1800; Palmer steel dump trailer, liner, elec. roll tarp, \$9000; 38' Chamberlain alum. grain trailer, new steel floor, new roll tarp, new landing gear., \$6000. Ray Gremillion, Zachary; (225) 654-0616 or (225) 939-5711.

Buggies, original Amish buggies, all kinds of spring buggies, 2 & 3 seaters, closed in buggies, Victorian style buggies, etc., \$800-\$6500. Bryant Collins, Opelousas; (337) 948-9433.

Old wooden horse drawn wagon, good wooden wheels, kept in barn, body in good shape, no seat, \$600. Alex Dominach, Mandeville; (985) 892-7047.

20' Shop built flatbed gooseneck tandem axle trailer, w/dovetail & ramps, \$1800. Gene Strother, Amite; (985) 747-0789 or (985) 969-6005.

16' Bison pull-type stock trailer, divider gate, back sliding door, new tires, side escape door, new tires, floor in great shape, little rust, \$1800. Melissa Henry, Patterson; (985) 395-6015.

(35) Cotton trailers, 8'-10' wide, 24'-40' long, for hay trailers or storing crawfish traps, good to excel. cond., del. avail., \$500-\$1450. T. L. Enright, Sr., Sicily Island; (318) 389-5395.

1-Horse rubber tire wagon, equipped to be covered, has brakes, 5'x7', like new, excel. cond., nice, \$575. Buddy Payne, Tickfaw; (225) 567-5002.

1980 2-horse, in-line gooseneck trailer, w/dressing room & feed boxes, very good cond., \$1200. Tom Jordan, Deville; (318) 442-5549.

Large wooden wheel grain wagon, JD name on body & seat, excel. 42" by 12' body, spring seat & hand brakes, \$1350; antique horse drawn Royal hay press, \$3800. Paula Durr, Amite; (985) 748-5556.

Wanted: gooseneck type cattle trailer, 16' or 20', good cond. J. W. Willis, Elm Grove; (318) 747-0079.

Wanted: old Airstream type, 15' or smaller trailer that needs lots of work. Madison O'Brien, Opelousas; (337) 826-0049.

Wanted: come-a-lpng, pull lift, low-boy trailer. S. Poole, DeRidder; (337) 462-0946.

FARM & LIVESTOCK SUPPLIES

SA 2000 Lincoln welding machine, runs on propane, needs work on idle control, \$1500. F. Rick, Kentwood; (985) 229-2279.

100-200 Sheets of used, galv., tin, \$4/1; \$3/1 if all taken; (2) antique bath tubs, type w/legs, but no legs, \$50-\$75/1. Rogers DeHart, Gibson; (985) 575-3410.

1964 gas Lincoln welding machine w/leads, \$1200. Kenneth Racca, Sulphur; (337) 527-9296 or (337) 494-8930.

Approx. (800) antique terra cotta roof tiles, salvaged, 16"x9", \$350. Rebecca McLindon, Bush; (985) 892-2686.

Home built ATV, good for use on farm or ranch, \$400. Bernard Darbonne, Pollock; (318) 765-9415.

Large compost drum, w/screen, thermometer & stand, \$100; meter pole & base w/weatherhead & 250 amp disconnect, \$250; over (100) ceramic forms, assorted sizes & designs, w/kiln, needs a little work, \$200/all. Bob Bowles, DeRidder; (337) 328-8702.

Lincoln 200 amp welder/trailer, \$1500. R. Coldiron, Jonesville; (318) 339-7876.

Okra cutters, hand operated, \$90/1-up; custom-made motorized cutters, \$500/1-up, advanced deposit required. Franklin Courville, Opelousas; (337) 407-0188.

3" Water & chemical transfer pump, w/5 hp Briggs motor & 65' hoses, good cond., \$225. Louis Lejeune, Jennings; (337) 824-4879.

Reg. tubing, 2", \$15/joint; 2 1/2", \$20/joint. Roy Matherne, Houma; (985) 851-7692.

(2) Hammer mills, (1) right angle PTO drive belt, 2 1/2 hp elec. 4"x10' augers, \$1100/all. Wade Keen, Abita Springs; (985) 893-0010.

2 3/8" tubing, 75¢/ft.; 2 7/8" tubing, 85¢/ft.; 3 1/2", 95¢/ft.; 7" casing, \$5/ft.; 8 5/8" casing, \$6/ft. Gene Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

8" Alum. irrigation, w/38" gates, \$1/ft.; 8" PVC, new, \$2/ft. G. Denton, Jena; (318) 922-4504.

2 3/8" tubing, 85¢/ft.; 2 7/8", 95¢/ft.; 3 1/2" tubing, \$1.75/ft., larger sizes also avail. Terri Brasseaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8462.

Generator, gas type, Bridggs & Stratton engine, KVA 2.5, type A, 22 amps, 60 cyc, 1800 R.P.M., good cond., \$340 obo, cash; hoisting engine, w/cat head, \$340 obo. Boots Guillot, Lacombe; (985) 882-7101.

14' T & T barrel saddle, floral tooling, excel. cond., \$300. Shannan Roy, Duson; (337) 873-8018.

Cow feeders, w/26 lb. tin tops,

plastic fence post 2 1/2", 4'x4', \$175; 4'x6', \$200; 4'x8', \$225; oil field pipe, 2 7/8" w/capped rearend, \$250; Old Bear Cat hammer mill, \$400. S. W. Gourdon, Goldonna; (318) 357-0616 or (318) 471-4204.

Galv. corral panels, 5'x10', \$42/1 or \$1000/25; 5'x17', heavy-duty, \$57/1 or \$1350/25; 140'x240' arena w/10' gate, \$2995. Billy Barlow, Pride; (225) 603-5610.

Sawmill w/50" circular saw & extra parts, \$2500. John Briscoe, Elton; (337) 584-2751.

Sweet potato crates, \$25/1. Ann Vanderlick, Alexandria; (318) 443-3171.

Shop equip., lathes, air compressors, drill press etc., \$2500/1-up. Daniel Doherty, Jennings; (337) 824-2093.

New Potato bins, agriculture crates, shipping containers, shrink wrapping, all bushel sizes, oak w/metal corners. Thad Desormeaux, New Iberia; (337) 519-2113.

Plastic drums, closed top, 55-gal. wh., \$10/1. E. J. Flanagan, Hammond; (985) 345-1498.

Diesel generator, never used, 7 hp, elec. start w/key, 5500 watts, 110v ac/dc, \$4000. J. Cormier, Morrow; (318) 939-2287.

Heavy-duty feed mixer wagon, w/scales & side delivery augers, in good operating cond., \$2500. Nell Strother, Amite; (985) 747-0789 or (985) 969-6005.

(20) Metal buildings, frames only, 120' span w/1 center column, 24' eave height, 6500 lbs., new, will load, \$1300/1. Frank Rick, Amite; (985) 748-4621.

7'x26' tank, good for culvert, \$1000. Rick Hardee, Lake Charles; (337) 478-9726.

4-Ton cattle feeder, bumper pull, tandem axle, very good cond., \$1000. Archie Thibodeaux, Lafayette; (337) 984-3986.

7' Steel water trough, \$150; fire-place steel hull, \$200; Suzuki 230

4-wheeler, \$975; Honda 90 3-wheeler, \$450; youth saddle, \$125; King saddle, \$450; 25' camper, \$3800; old Ford flat-head motor, \$700. Shelia Wills, Jennings; (337) 824-5197 or (337) 789-0699.

3/8" High strength steel cable, 750', \$79; 1/2-galv. guy wire, 9¢/ft.; 6"x6" wire reinforced steel, \$39; (50) reinforced rods, 90 degree bend pieces, \$40. Ric Ruckstuhl, Baton Rouge; (225) 275-8269.

Galv. heavy turnbuckles, 34"-66" long, 3/4"-1 1/2" thread, \$8-\$18/1; 7/8" helix cable, 750' & access, many sizes, \$99. Julie Ruckstuhl, Baton Rouge; (225) 275-8269.

10" table saw, \$100; 10" radial saw, \$100; wood lathe, \$60; small scroll saw, \$20. Widdle LaGrange, Rayne; (337) 334-9533.

Galv. rd. pens, w/4' bow gate, 40', \$600; 50', \$700; 60', \$800; 80', \$1075. Carl Barlow, Pride; (225) 603-5610.

Brand new 15 1/2" Tucker saddle, Cheyenne, used very little, burgundy, beautiful saddle, paid \$1200, sell for \$850 firm, or with tack, \$900. David Reid, Oakdale; (318) 335-1979.

Shenandoah gas incinerator, model AIO 10, used very little, \$1200. Maribeth Lewing, Florien; (318) 256-2188 or (318) 315-0766.

(2) Wooden cattle or deer self-feeders on skids, 4' & 6', never used, \$400 & \$495. J. C. Landreneau, Ville Platte; (337) 363-6088.

Un-used Troxel Legacy Gold riding helmet, blk., med., \$35; Allflex handheld stock prod, \$25; English bits, \$15-\$20/1; English saddle bag, leather, \$20. Debby Sharbaugh, Ethel; (225) 683-4919.

New galv. panels, w/mud boots, all include 4' bow gate, 40' rd. pen, \$682; 50' rd. pen, \$835; 60' rd. pen, \$1039. Michael Passman, Amite; (985) 748-5094.

Structural steel pipe, 4" OD, 38'-44' long, \$3/ft.; 4 1/2" & 5" OD, 31' long, \$4/ft. F. E. Van Hook,

Arcadia; (318) 263-2307.

(7) 6"x6"x20' wide flange "I" beams, (1) cut in half, new, coated, \$700/all. Elton LeBert, Ragley; (337) 725-6338.

Rebuilt injection pump & injectors for Onan engine, model MDJE, excel. shape, \$150. B. Bergeron, Eunice; (337) 457-1909.

Wanted: fabricated horse stalls, in good cond. Sharlane Clattenburg, Montpelier; clattenburg@centurytel.net or (225) 777-4909.

Wanted: head gate, in good cond., 3 pt. post hole digger, in good cond., reasonably priced. Milburn Noel, Arnaudville; (337) 945-6015.

Wanted: 16' stock rack for 16' trailer. Norris Graves, Bogalusa; (985) 735-1816.

Wanted: seed plates for old Sears push-type planter model# 597261610. Bernard Seghers, Lacombe; (985) 882-3059.

Wanted: cart, harness & goat to be used by small child, must be gentle. Kenneth Hebert, Jena; (318) 992-5011.

Wanted: farm gates, 4'-16', in usable cond. E. J. Flanagan, Hammond; (985) 345-1498.

Wanted: 3" trash pumps, in good cond. Richard Reeves, Kinder; (337) 639-2602.

Wanted: old gristmill or millstones, any size. R. Eaves, Demopolis, AL; raleaves@email.com or (334) 289-8906.

Wanted: (500) 6'-6 1/2' "T" posts, wire fencing, cattle panels, gates & other livestock handling equip. Terry Truxillo, Franklinton; (985) 839-5302.

FROM THE FARM

Associated starter & alternator tester, \$500 obo. Greg Mayeux, Morganza; (225) 694-3708 or (225) 425-0494.

Commercial grade crawfish/gumbo pot, basket & burner, 75-gal. alum. pot, heavy duty steel burner base, complete, \$450. Jimmy Bearb, Carencro; (337) 896-3475.

Goat milk soap, natural & good for your skin, no petroleum or artificial ingredients, various scents, \$4/bar. Melanie Blackmer, Lake Charles; Pdavenp913@aol.com or (337) 478-2208.

Wanted: 15-30 gal. stone crock for salting meat, also blue ribbon sugarcane for seed cane. Clois Randall, Grayson; (318) 992-8338.

FAIRS & FESTIVALS

Lake Area Bird Club of Lake Charles will host their fall exotic bird fair Oct. 2 & 3 at the Lake Charles Civic Center at 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Admission is \$2 per person and free for children under 12. For more information, contact Sallie Shepherd at shepherd2745@yahoo.com, (337) 478-2627 or visit www.lakeareabirdclub.com.

The Roberts Cove Germanfest Association will host the 10th Annual Germanfest Oct. 2 & 3 at the St. Leo IV Catholic Church grounds in Roberts Cove, Rayne. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 3-15 years old. For more info, contact the Roberts Cove Germanfest Assoc. at (337) 334-8354 or visit www.robertscovgermanfest.com

Beauregard Parish Fair will be held Oct. 5-9 in DeRidder. Admission is \$3 for school age and older. Free admission for all military & their families, with proper I.D. For more information, call (337) 462-3135.

Media campaign urges farmers to 'buckle up'

For farmers and ranchers, a pickup truck is more than just a vehicle. For some it's a mobile toolbox that carries an assortment of 'fix-it' stuff for when problems occur in the field. It pulls heavy loads to support your very livelihood and gets you from the fields to the sale or show and back home again.

Since your pickup truck is vital to your family and business, then buckling up should be too, and for good reason. Surveys show pickup truck drivers and passengers fall well behind occupants of other kinds of passenger vehicles when it comes to wearing safety belts. It's an alarming fact to safety officials because pickups are two times more likely to rollover than cars in fatal crashes.

That's why the "Buckle Up In Your Truck" safety belt campaign is being conducted as a pilot project in the South Central Region states of Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas, with funding provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

There are over six million registered pickup trucks in the five-state South Central Region. Safety belt observation surveys reveal that over one million of the region's pickup truck drivers are not wearing their safety belts, contributing to many unnecessary deaths. In 2002, the most recent state data available, 1,348 pickup drivers and passengers in the region died in pickup truck crashes, and more than 6,000 died nationwide.

"It's agonizing to think that so many pickup drivers ignore safety belt laws at the expense of their own well-being," said Richard Coberg, director of the "Buckle Up in Your Truck" campaign. "But the fact is, wearing a safety belt dramatically increases your odds of surviving a crash, particularly in the all-too-common case of a rollover."

"We're reaching out to farmers and ranchers because they comprise one of our largest pickup-driving groups. In the South Central Region nearly one half million people work in the farming and livestock indus-

try. Many of these folks drive pickup trucks or depend on those that do to make their living. We're not trying to single them out and say that driving a pickup is a bad thing. But dying when you don't have to sure is."

Two television public service announcements have been produced for use beginning this fall. Both feature nationally recognized television outdoorsmen with known reputations for driving pickups for work and leisure: Bill Dance, host of the "Bill Dance Outdoors" fishing program, and Jackie Bushman, host of the "Buckmasters Whitetail Magazine" hunting series.

Studies of focus groups have indicated a high number of male pickup drivers aren't influenced by statistical information showing the benefits of buckling up. However, the encouraging news is that many in the study groups said they did know about the risk of pickup rollovers, but were unaware of the high degree of protection that safety belts provided in a rollover crash.

Looking for Louisiana Christmas Tree Growers

Each year the Market Bulletin publishes a list of Louisiana choose-and-cut Christmas tree farms in the late November issue. If you would like to be included in the list, please send your farm's name, address, phone number, brief driving directions (i.e. On La. 1, 2 miles north of Hwy. 190) and hours of operation, to P.O. Box 3534, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-3534 or fax (225) 922-1253.

In order to be included in the list, the information must be for a Louisiana Christmas tree farm. We will not include any "tree lots" selling imported trees from other states.

Hay For Sale?

If you have hay for sale and would like to be listed in the **Market News Hay Directory**, complete the information on the form below and return no later than Nov. 5 to Market News, Attention: Marilyn Mayeux, P.O. Box 3334, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-3334.

Name: _____
 Complete Address: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____
 Parish: _____
 Telephone: home () _____ work () _____
 Bale type (check one or both) round _____ square _____
 Hay condition: excellent _____ good _____ fair _____ poor _____
 Comments: _____



Everything's Nice with Rice

Chicken Rice Salad

2 cups cooked rice	1/4 cup diced pimento
1 cup light mayonnaise	2 cups cooked chicken breast chunks
1 tbsp. mustard	1/4 tsp. salt
1/2 cup sweet pickle relish	1/8 teaspoon pepper
1/4 cup chopped onion	
1/4 cup chopped bell pepper	

In a large bowl combine rice, mayonnaise, and mustard. Add pickle relish, onion, bell pepper, pimento, chicken, salt, and pepper. Mix well. Serve in a 2 1/2 quart container. Garnish with bell pepper, boiled eggs, and pimento.

Rice and Avocado Salad

3 cups cooked rice	2 tbsps. vegetable oil
2 cups chopped, cooked chicken	1 clove garlic, minced
1 medium avocado, cut into 1/2 inch cubes	Dash of hot sauce
1 cup celery, sliced diagonally	1 tsp. sugar
1/2 green pepper, cut into thin strips	1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 cup onion, minced	1/4 tsp. white pepper
3 tbsps. lemon juice	Lettuce leaves
	2 tomatoes, cut into wedges
	1 medium avocado, sliced

Rice and Avocado Salad

part 2

Combine first 6 ingredients in bowl. Combine lemon juice and next 6 ingredients in a jar; shake vigorously. Pour over rice mixture and toss gently. Cover. Chill at least 2 hours. Serve on lettuce with tomato wedges and avocado slices. Serves 6.

Stuffed Cabbage Rolls

1 lb. hamburger	1 can tomato sauce (15 oz.)
1 lb. pork sausage	1 tsp. sugar
1/3 cup uncooked instant rice	1/2 tsp. lemon juice
1 medium onion, chopped	1 tbsp. cornstarch
Salt and pepper to taste	1 tbsp. water
1/8 tsp. garlic salt	12 cabbage leaves

Stuffed Cabbage Rolls

part 2

Cover cabbage leaves with boiling water and let stand until leaves are limp, about 10 minutes. Remove leaves; drain. Mix hamburger, pork sausage, rice, onion, salt, pepper, garlic salt and 1/2 of tomato sauce. Place hamburger mixture in each cabbage leaf, roll up, tucking all sides under. Place cabbage rolls seam side down in ungreased baking dish. Mix remaining tomato sauce, sugar and lemon juice. Pour over cabbage rolls. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Mix cornstarch and 1 tablespoon water in saucepan. Stir in liquid from cabbage rolls. Heat to boiling, boil 1 minute. Serve sauce over cabbage rolls.

Summer Stuffed Peppers

8 medium yellow, green or sweet red peppers	1/2 cup zucchini, shredded
1 1/2 lbs. lean ground beef	1 can (28 oz.) tomatoes with liquid, cut up
1/2 garlic clove, minced	1/2 cup uncooked long-grain rice
1 medium onion, minced	1 tbsp. brown sugar
1/2 cup cabbage, finely chopped	1/4 tsp. dried basil
1 medium carrot, shredded	Pepper to taste

Summer Stuffed Peppers

part 2

Cut the tops off each pepper and reserve. Cook peppers in boiling water until crisp-tender, about 2-3 minutes. Remove from water and rinse with cold water. Remove stems from pepper tops and chop enough of the tops to make 1/3 cup. In a large skillet, brown ground beef over medium heat. Add garlic, onion, cabbage, carrot, zucchini and reserved chopped peppers. Sauté until vegetables are tender. Add tomatoes, rice, sugar, basil and pepper. Cover and reduce heat to simmer. Cook until the rice is tender, about 20 minutes. Stuff hot meat mixture into peppers. Serve immediately. Yield: 8 servings.

Coming Your Way

The Horseman Association of Southwest Louisiana presents its First Children's Rodeo Oct. 3 at the old Dairy Festival Barn, 2901 Rodeo Road, in Abbeville.

Registration begins at 3 p.m. and events at 5 p.m.

All events are free for children.

Events for children and handicapped children to 15 years old.

No alcoholic beverages allowed.

For more information, contact Pat at (337) 652-3627 or Angie (337) 277-7920.

The group also has team calf sorting events every Saturday starting at 5 p.m. at the Dairy Festival Barn.

All skill levels are welcome.

For more information, contact Valerie at (337) 212-0544.

The Silver Spur Rodeo Club will host shows Oct. 9, Oct. 16, Nov. 27 and Dec. 11 at the Grand Casino Coshatta in Kinder.

All shows will be held in the climate-controlled pavilion.

Events include barrels, poles, stakes, roping, goat tying, ground roping, breakaway, mugging, tie down and team roping.

For more information, contact Neil Foster at (337) 598-2380 or Ellen Guilbeaux (337) 855-7529.

Jerry Perry's paint horse sale will be held at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 13 at Dominique's Stockyard in Carencro.

About 20 registered paint weanlings and yearlings will be sold.

For more information, contact

Mike Dominique at (337) 896-3477.

Annual fall stocker cow sale will be held at 1 p.m. Oct. 16 at Dominique's Stockyard in Baton Rouge.

More than 400 replacement Brangus, Braford and cross-bred heifers and cows will be offered.

All cattle are 1-5 years old and palpated.

For more information, contact Donnie Ashford at (225) 356-5203 or Michael Dominique at (337) 896-3477.

The 31st Annual Old Farmers Day at the Todd Brunett Dairy Farm near Loranger will be held Oct. 16-17 beginning at 9 a.m. both days.

A wagon train parade and demonstrations of crafts are part of the festivities.

A horse and mule pulling contest will be held Sunday at 1 p.m. Entry fees for each team are \$25.

For more information, contact Barbara Brunnett at (985) 878-2360 or 878-9343.

Ron McLoughlin will hold a three-day horse handling clinic Oct. 15-17 at the Ruston Expo Center.

Attendance is limited to provide each student concentrated and individualized attention. Early registration is encouraged.

For more information, contact Kiaziah Allen at (318) 878-1971 or kiaziah@bayou.com.

Additional information can be

found at www.mcloughlinhorse-handling.com.

Demonstration Trail Ride at L & A Trail is planned for Oct. 16 leaving from Chestnut and riding nine miles to Goldonna.

Hikers leave at 8 a.m., bicycles at 8:45 a.m., wagons and horseback riders at 9 a.m., and bird-watchers at any time.

No motorized vehicles are allowed.

Lunch is at noon.

For more information, contact Dr. John Traver at (225) 343-8132, Murle Cheatwood at (318) 576-3274 or Doug Harris at (318) 727-8860.

Calcasieu Horseman's Club will host open horse shows at 8 a.m. Oct. 30 and Nov. 6 at Burton Coliseum in Lake Charles.

Participants will be able to take part in more than 40 judged events and nine speed events. Year-end awards will be presented.

For more information, contact Marie Hankie at (337) 477-6997.

Silver Spur Riders Club will host open horse shows beginning at 8 a.m. Oct. 10 and Nov. 7 at Burton Coliseum in Lake Charles.

Classes will include halter, English, Western, judged and speed.

For more information, contact Renee Jordan at (337) 855-3279 or Bonny Vincent at (337) 598-2498.

Livingston Horse Show Association will host an open show beginning at 9 a.m. on Sept.

25 at South Park Arena in Denham Springs.

The show will include halter, performance and timed events. Classes are divided into English, gaited, novice and rider.

Age groups are peanut, pee-wee, junior and senior.

For more information, contact Dee Senez at (225) 664-3150 or JoLynn Allen at (225) 665-0335.

Deep South Stock Horse Show Association is hosting open horse shows with western judged and timed events on Oct. 2, Oct. 16 and Oct. 30 at the Shady Park Arena on Greenwell Springs Road in Baton Rouge.

Halter events start at 9 a.m. Categories include youth, senior and novice in showmanship, poles, barrels and other contests.

For more information, contact Jenny Redhead at (225) 978-2447 or Hearttrain@aol.com.

The Gulf South Bird Club will sponsor the Southeast Regional Lovebird Show Oct 9 & 10 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the New Orleans Airport Plaza Hotel on Veterans Boulevard in Kenner.

Cockatiels, parrots and other exotic birds will be featured.

There will be a large raffle table. Discounted hotel rates are available.

For more information, contact Mike Rhodes after 5 p.m. at (985) 446-0886 or Terry or Loretta Perez at (985) 665-3902 or (985) 632-5016.

The Louisiana Tech University Foundation will host the Commitment to Education Consignment Cattle Sale at 1 p.m. Oct. 9 at the Ike Hamilton Expo Center in West Monroe.

All breeds of commercial cattle will be sold with the proceeds benefitting the Agricultural Sciences Scholarship Fund.

For more information, contact Dr. Gary Kennedy at (318) 257-3275 or visit www.taylormadeauctions.com.

Old Union Grove Arena will host a trail riding clinic and ride beginning at 9 a.m. Nov. 6 at the Sandy Hollow Wildlife Management Area in Wilmer.

The last two horse shows of the season will be held Oct. 9 and Oct. 30 with judged events beginning at 9 a.m. and timed events at 1 p.m.

The arena is sponsoring five barrel races scheduled for Oct. 1, Oct. 15, Nov. 12, Nov. 19 and Dec. 3. The races are 4-D format buckle series.

Exhibitions begin at 6 p.m. and races begin at 8 p.m. The entry fee is \$20.

A playday is scheduled for Nov. 20 at 10 a.m. with events in the pee wee, junior and senior divisions.

A tack sale and garage sale will be held in conjunction with the playday.

For more information, contact Duncan McLindon at (985) 892-2686.

Queen Bess, *continued from page 12*

and starts the cycle all over again."

The bitter panicum planted on Grand Isle was taken from a native stand growing in Lafourche Parish and was selected for its vigorous growth and its persistence after storm events. The plant material was propagated at the USDA's Golden Meadow Plant Materials Center in Galliano.

Phillips points to a picket sand fence along the beach designed to trap wind-blown sand and form dunes. A three-foot high dune has formed around it. He then points to another dune in front of the sand fence that is higher, thicker and lush with greenery.



LDAF officials Corey Becnel, Joey Breaux and Theron Phillips pilot a bay boat to Queen Bess Island. Queen Bess is northeast of Grand Isle and is often mistakenly called Bird Island.

"We came in and planted two simple rows of bitter panicum and demonstrated dune creation can be done vegetatively," Phillips said. "It can be done somewhat cheaper and is environmentally friendly."

Breaux said the Queen Bess Island and Grand Isle projects are a shining success story for coastal restoration.

"Looking at the sand trapped by the bitter panicum on Grand Isle was exactly what our highest expectations could have been," Breaux said. "It was gorgeous."

"And on Queen Bess Island, the vegetation there is simply proliferating. The smooth cordgrass is lush and thick. The mangroves are high

enough where the pelicans can nest in them. We couldn't ask for any better."

The success of these two projects illustrates the potential for further reclamation efforts.

"These projects, done through the USDA, DNR, LDAF Office of Soil and Water and its local conservation districts are demonstration projects to show landowners how they might restore their own property," Breaux said. "We're going out there and taking the first step by putting these projects together."

"It's simply a matter of keeping the land from washing away. Some wetland landowners may come out for their first visit in years and realize they're paying taxes on land that doesn't even exist. But it's something they own. It's theirs and it's not a comfortable thought seeing it just wash away."

Breaux said those interested in coastal reclamation are just beginning to understand what restorative plans work in the massive estuary and there is much to be done.

"Sediment diversions from the Mississippi River take a little more thought and planning, but simply getting some fresh water diversions out there to offset some of the salinities definitely greens the areas back up," Breaux said. "It pushes the transitional salinity zones farther out and enables a lot more green vegetation to come up. And that will provide more ability to withstand wave energies coming off the Gulf as well as better habitat for fish and fowl."

"The river's what built the delta and the only thing that can save it."

Grasses, *cont. from page 12*



Elizabeth Sharratt tends to a stand of Fourchon bitter panicum.

Pelican black mangrove is often found growing alongside smooth cordgrass. Basically a woody shrub, the mangrove serves as a sediment stabilizer, contributes leaf biomass to the marine food chain and provides nesting habitat for pelicans and other water birds.

Mangroves are evergreens and grow four to nine feet tall. Its leaves are leathery and dark green and produce a flat, velvety one-seeded pod.

The shrub has adapted to sandy, silty clay loam and muck soils but can only persist where there is adequate protection from wave action. Sensitive to cold, it only flourishes in the more southerly coastal areas and barrier islands, but can withstand a salinity of 25 parts per thousand and more.

For more information about the Golden Meadow Plant Materials Center, visit www.plant-materials.nrcs.usda.gov/lapmc/ or call (504) 475-5280.



Visit your local farmers market

BIENVILLE PARISH

Gibsland
Gibsland Farmers Market Assoc.
Main Street
Wed. & Sat. 8 a.m. until sold out
June - Aug. 30

CADDO PARISH

Shreveport
Festival Plaza Farmers Market
river front at Festival Plaza
Wed. & Sat. 6:30 - 11 a.m.
May 31-July 30
Wed. only Aug. 1-31

CALCASIEU PARISH

Lake Charles
Lake Charles Farmers Market
317 Pine Street
Sat. 7:30 a.m. - noon
Jan. - Dec.

EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH

Baton Rouge
Red Stick Farmers Market #1
On Fifth St. near Main & Galvez
Parking Garage
Sat. 7 - 11 a.m. May - Sept.
Sat. 8 a.m. - noon Oct. - April
Red Stick Farmers Market #2
8470 Goodwood Blvd.
Unitarian Church Parking Lot
Tues. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
May - July, Sept. - Dec.

IBERIA PARISH

New Iberia
Teche Area Farmers Market
Iberia St. & Main St. at Bouligny
Plaza
Tues. 5 - 8 p.m. until Oct. 27
after Oct. 27, 4 - 7 p.m.
Sat. 8 - 11 a.m. mid May - Dec.
LAFAYETTE PARISH
Lafayette
Acadiana Farmers Market
801 Foreman Dr. & Dulles St.
Tues., Thurs. & Sat.
5 - 10 a.m. Jan. - Dec.

LAFOURCHE PARISH

Thibodaux
Thibodaux Main Street Market
La. Hwy. 1 & Maronge St.
Sat. 7 - 11 a.m.
May - Nov.

MADISON PARISH

Tallulah
Tallulah Farmers Market
408 N. Cedar St., Hwy. 165
Tues., Thurs. & Sat.
8 a.m. - noon
June - Nov.

MOREHOUSE PARISH

Bastrop
Morehouse Farmers Market
305 East Madison St.
Mon. - Sat. 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
June - Dec.

NATCHITOCHES PARISH

Natchitoches
Cane River Green Market
Cane River Bank - downtown
Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
April - Nov.

ORLEANS PARISH

New Orleans
Crescent City Farmers Market
Locations: #1 - 700 Magazine St.
Saturday 8 a.m. - noon
Jan. - Dec.
#2 - Uptown Square, 200
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Plantation
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**Before**

Brown pelicans, once described by naturalist and painter John James Audubon as “one of the most interesting of our American birds,” have made another successful comeback.

Most Louisiana residents were only aware of the first comeback, when a dwindling pelican population forced state officials to transplant birds from the Florida peninsula to Queen Bess Island, Isle aux Pitre and North Island in 1968.

But after the pelican population stabilized in the 1980s, another environmental threat arose. Fragile coastal wetlands were disappearing at an alarming rate. More than 40 percent of the state’s barrier islands were lost to tidal erosion that devastated the pelican habitat. Queen Bess Island, a prime pelican rookery, measured at 45-acres in 1956, was reduced to a mere 17 acres by 1989. The pelicans were threatened again.

But now a bona-fide pelican and coastal reclamation success story is brewing along the sandy shores of Grand Isle and Queen Bess Island at the mouth of Barataria Bay.

The stabilization and growth of the pelican population is because of continued coastal reclamation efforts by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry’s Office of Soil and Water Conservation, the Department of Natural Resources Coastal Restoration Division and the United States Department of Agriculture. That successful inter-departmental cooperation is illustrated by the greening of Queen Bess Island.

As many as 2,000 brown and white pelicans can be seen feeding and nesting on a verdant Queen Bess Island on any given day.

Joey Breaux, an Ag-Environmental Specialist Manager with the LDAF, said the DNR began to reclaim Queen Bess Island in 1990 by building a shell retaining dike out in open water approximating the island’s original shoreline. Several earthen dikes were also built on the island to simulate natural ridges. Placement of 30,000 tons of rock around it completed an initial protection from tidal wave energy.

**After**

LDAF crews also planted another round of black mangrove, a shrub that typically grows in salt marshes at high tide elevations.

The pelicans welcomed the planting, but also hindered the growth of the tiny tree.

“Instinctively, the pelicans like to get up off the ground and nest,” Breaux said. “So anytime they see woody vegetation, even though it’s too small to support them, they just don’t understand that and they’ll climb on top of it. That flattens out the undersized black mangroves causing slower growth rates.”

It was ironic that by the time the state legislature honored the brown pelican by naming it the official state bird in 1966, the pelican was no longer found along the coastline.

The pelican population, once estimated at 50,000 in 1919 and 5,000 on Timbalier Island alone, was zero in 1961, largely attributed to the use of the pesticide DDT which weakened the pelican’s egg shell.

Now, thanks to the cooperative efforts of state and federal agencies, Louisiana residents, tourists and birders can once again see and study the state bird in historically significant numbers.

And while the Queen Bess Island revegetation project has helped to stabilize that uninhabited barrier island, other plantings of hardy maritime flora are shoring up Grand Isle’s delicate beach.

There, on Louisiana’s only inhabited barrier island, a weedy looking plant called bitter panicum is the vegetation of choice.

Breaux said a bitter panicum cultivar called Fourchon, was planted because it’s one of the first plants that will grow along a sandy coastal area. The stalky plant resembles millet and is ideally suited for the harsh conditions of the Gulf coast.

Breaux marveled at its suitability for the Louisiana coast.

“It grows tall so it can catch wind-blown sand, but when it gets covered by the sand, it simply grows an extensive fibrous root and rhizome system underneath,” Breaux said. “It then sends green shoots above the sand line *See Queen Bess, page 10*

Reclaiming Queen Bess’ Throne

The DNR then planted wax myrtle, marsh elders, matrimony vine and black mangrove.

Breaux said the LDAF got involved in 1996 when it planted smooth cordgrass and black mangrove on the tiny island. An additional planting of smooth cordgrass was done in 2002.

Theron Phillips, the LDAF coastal re-vegetation project manager, said drought had killed most of the existing smooth cordgrass and needed to be replanted.

“The island is protected by rocks so we weren’t too concerned about tidal erosion,” Phillips said. “We were just trying to get some more vegetation estab-

lished on the island.”

The decision to plant the marsh grass was simple according to Breaux.

‘These projects are a shining success story for coastal restoration.’

**-Joey Breaux
LDAF Ag-Environmental
Manager**

“Smooth cordgrass is one of the most prevalent inter-tidal species out there that grows on our shoreline,” said Breaux. “You’ll see it in salinities that range from intermediate to entirely saline. It’s more readily adaptable.

“Due to the stem density of a healthy stand, it creates the most buffer effect against wave energy, and after a storm, you can lose a lot of that emergent vegetation. It’s got a healthy root stock and is capable of rapid regeneration.”

Island revitalized with smooth, bitter & black

To help combat the loss of 25 square miles of coastal Louisiana wetlands to erosion every year, the USDA established the Golden Meadow Plant Materials Center in 1989 to develop cultivars of hardy marshland plants for coastal reclamation projects.

The plant materials center is located on 90 acres of land near Golden Meadow and Galliano. Since its opening, the center has released several improved conservation plants including Pelican black mangrove, Vermilion smooth cordgrass and Fourchon bitter panicum.

A quick overview of these three coastal plants:

Fourchon bitter panicum was taken from an extremely durable stand of bitter panicum found in Lafourche

Parish. It is an ideal sand dune plant because the above-ground green leafy portion reduces wind velocity and allows sand to drop out of the wind-stream and accumulate in dunes.

The roots of the Fourchon bitter panicum stabilizes and holds sand in place with an extensive fibrous root and rhizome system.

Vermilion smooth cordgrass is recommended for controlling shoreline erosion and is also used to stabilize canal banks and levees.

The plant is ideal for interior tidal mudflats, dredge fill sites and area with loose soil systems.

Smooth cordgrass grows to a height of 24 to 72 inches. Although it may appear to brown from time to time, it can easily regenerate itself.

See Grasses, page 10

**Vermilion smooth cordgrass****Fourchon bitter panicum****Pelican black mangrove**